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Separate Peace Offered Britain.

TURKS NOW REPORTED WILLING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, February 6. The newspapers agree that the Turks made a supreme effort to sow dissension among the Allies at Lausanne. It is rumoured that Ismet Pasha even offered Lord Curzon a separate peace. The newspapers emphasize that the Allies' difficulties have not yet ended, and great efforts will be necessary in order to obtain a ratification and useful application of the treaty.

London, February 6. The Quai d'Orsay has informed the Foreign Office that the Turkish delegation to Lausanne has advised them of its acceptance of the terms rejected on Sunday. The French Government recommends a settlement before Ismet leaves Lausanne tomorrow. The same source confirms the report that the Turks proposed a separate peace to Britain before Lord Curzon left Lausanne.

Constantinople, February 6. The papers dispute the Paris report that Ismet has accepted the capitulations clause, saying it was M. Bompard who accepted Ismet's formula.

Trouble Brewing at Smyrna.

Constantinople, February 6. The representative of Ankara has issued a proclamation that all foreign warships above a thousand tons will no longer be allowed in Smyrna harbour, and are required to leave before midnight on February 7. The Allied Admirals discussed the subject this morning. Admiral Nicholson on the cruiser Curacao has been ordered to Smyrna. The Allied High Commissioners have protested to Ankara. The reason for the measure is obscure, and it is believed that the Allies will prepare for eventualities.

London, February 6. Foreign exchanges, after opening more confidently in consequence of the news from Lausanne, closed unsettled and nervous. The French franc is now 75.35, the Belgian franc 83.05, the lire 96, and marks nominally 170,000 to 175,000, with sterling at 4.65%. The Stock Exchange has a very healthy tone.

Paris, February 6. It is learned from an authoritative French source that the British Government has informed the French that it is ready to give serious and courteous treatment to any definite proposals by Ismet, but it seems that Britain will not agree to the Paris suggestion to omit the economic clauses of the treaty, and apparently refuses to resume the conversations until the Turks have given tangible proof of their good will. M. Poincare immediately decided to associate himself with the British decision, and subsequently telegraphed inviting Ismet to state the final terms he is prepared to sign. It is reported that the Turkish Legation to-day is less conciliatory, and it is not impossible therefore that Ismet will proceed to Ankara to consult his Government.

London, February 6. Lord Curzon, in an interview, stated that his final concessions to the Turks had settled all the important Turco-British issues and the outstanding points relative to the capitulations and the financial and economic clauses concerned more directly the French and Italian interests. He emphasised the generosity of the terms offered, and said they would place Turkey in a position not only of political independence and assured sovereignty, but also of military and territorial security, such as she had never before enjoyed, even in the plenitude of her power. One of his final concessions was the withdrawal of the restriction of the size of the Turkish army in Europe. On his arrival in London he told the Cabinet that he thought the Conference had succeeded, and not failed, and that the treaty could still be signed.

Lord Curzon finally emphasised that he had firmly adhered to the principle of Allied solidarity, adding that when others were heard to talk of the conclusion of separate treaties he rejected overtures more than once made to him in this direction, preferring to fall with the Allies while helping to fight their cause rather than win a selfish victory.

FILM PREMISES DESTROYED IN IRELAND.

London, February 6. Incendiaries in Dublin this morning burned down the offices of the cinematograph firm Pathe Freres. Four armed men made prisoners of the staff of five girls and one man in an upstairs room, then sprinkled the premises with petrol. The building was soon a roaring furnace. The employees, the girls screaming, escaped through the flames. Five of them and two passers-by were injured by the explosion of a bomb. It is surmised that the outrage was due to the exhibition in Dublin of a film of the Irish air force.

LUDENDORFF MOBBED IN AUSTRIA.

Vienna, February 6. Gen. Ludendorff's journey across Austria was interrupted by violent demonstrations of labourers. A mob at one station forced an entry into the train, shouting "Where's this murderer of millions; he belongs to the gallows!" The police informed Ludendorff that his presence in Vienna was not desired, and he must leave by the first train for Munich.

M.C.C. DEFEAT THE TRANSVAAL.

Johannesburg, February 6. The M.C.C. beat the Transvaal by 1-9 runs. There was fine, warm weather and a fast to moderate wicket. The M.C.C. compiled 238 for the loss of 4 wickets, and declared. Sandham contributed 114, with masterly batting and splendid strokes behind the wickets. Woolley knocked up 52. The Transvaal replied with 180, Macaulay taking 4 wickets for 30 and Woolley 3 for 27.

ARRESTS OF COMMUNISTS IN ITALY.

Rome, February 6. Following the publication at Moscow of a proclamation against the Fascist, the authorities have arrested over a hundred communists all over the country, including Naples, Bologna, the province of Genoa and Milan.

ITALIAN RATIFICATIONS.

Rome, February 6. The Chamber has ratified the Washington Naval agreement and the other Washington treaties, including the two relating to China.

FURTHER GERMAN OPPOSITION.

Minister Urges Co-operation.

GEN. SMUTS ON THE PROBLEM.

(Reuter's Service.)

Essen, February 6. The coalowners have increased the miners' wages by eighty per cent.

Berlin, February 6. Dr. Cuno was ovated at Elberfeld. In a speech he said he was convinced as a result of his visit to the Ruhr that Rhineland and Westphalia would co-operate in repelling the Franco-Belgian irruption. In a speech at Muenster he said the German nation would be lost unless the inhabitants of the occupied and unoccupied territory held together.

Essen, February 6. The postal officials at Essen refused to give the French telephone connections, and the French thereupon cut off the batteries and decline to reinstate them until the postal workers surrender. Thus Essen is again isolated. Similarly at Witten all the shops were ordered to shut up because they refused to serve the French.

General Smuts' Views.

General Smuts has issued an important statement on the reparations question, and declares that the 6,600 millions sterling fixed by the Reparations Commission in May, 1921, was absolutely beyond Germany's power to pay. This impossible amount is being used as a lever for the dismemberment of Germany and a reduction of the whole of Central Europe to a condition of industrial and economic chaos. America's collaboration was the keystone to peace, and when America decided to retire peace was lost. The British Empire's representative on the Reparations Commission had ceased to function, and the Commission had lost all semblance of a non-partisan character, and had virtually become an annex of the French Foreign Office.

"The sands are running out, and unless some strong hand can even now clutch Europe and rescue her from the slope down which she is slipping, the catastrophe of peace may yet become far greater than the catastrophe of the Great War."

Essen, February 6. The Germans claim that since the embargo they have succeeded in despatching to unoccupied Germany at night time a hundred and sixty coal trains, with three hundred and twenty engines, utilising a couple of outlets over private railways belonging to the mines.

CHINA'S FINANCES.

Emergency Loan Considered.

Peking, Feb. 6.—The House of Representatives sat in committee this afternoon to consider details of the Twelfth Year Emergency Loan.—Reuter.

KIANGSI GOVERNOR RESIGNS.

Peking, Feb. 6.—Haish Yuan-hai, Civil Governor of Kiangsi, yesterday tendered his resignation, whereupon the local Kiangsi residents demonstrated before the President's office urging his retention.—Reuter.

SHAMEEN NEWS.

H.B.M. Consul-General's Fancy Dress Ball.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Feb. 6. The Canton Club was the scene of a brilliant function on Monday, when H.B.M.'s Consul-General, Dr. J. W. Jamieson, C.M.G., LL.D., was the host at a fancy dress ball. The whole of the Canton Club was lent for the occasion, and the Band of the King's Regiment, from Hongkong, were in attendance, by kind permission of the Commanding Officer and Officers. An excellent programme of dances was arranged and supper was served at midnight in the lounge of the Club. The company, which included H.R.H. the Duke of Spoleto, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The costumes of the guests were many and various. Amongst the most noteworthy were H.R.H. the Duke of Spoleto as an Italian Fascist, Col. and Mrs. Cross as a brown gnome and Alice (from "Alice in Wonderland") respectively, Mrs. Rigganbach as the Queen of Sheba, Mr. Cadman as a tin of gasoline, Messrs. Drevard and Kuhn as chiefs, and many others too numerous to mention.

The ball room was beautifully decorated in red and gold, with red lanterns inscribed with Dr. Jamieson's surname in Chinese, in gold. Much credit is due to the designer of the scheme, which was a very striking one.

Besides fox-trots, one-steps and waltzes, the dance programme included Lancers, Highland Schottische, Pot Pourri, and Sir Roger de Coverley.

INTERPORT ROWING.

Shanghai, Singapore and Canton Coming.

The Shanghai Rowing Club have telegraphed their acceptance of an invitation from the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club to row Interport events here on the 17th March.

It was notified a few days ago that Singapore and Canton have also accepted, so that, with the participation of the three outport Clubs, the V.R.C. and the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, a good programme of races, probably lasting for two days, may be expected.

GILBERT & SULLIVAN SEASON.

Some of the Players.

The Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co. have two prima donnas, who share the soprano roles. Miss Elsie Coram, the English D'Oyly Carte artist, is a fair-haired, winsome girl and has played all the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas in England. Miss Coram's opening night is in "The Gondoliers." She makes a charming "Gianetta" and the music suits her pretty voice. Miss Patti Russell, the dainty little Australian prima donna, makes her bow to a Hongkong audience first in "Pirates of Penzance." Miss Russell has been prima donna with the present Company for the last two years. Both artists are young and clever with exceptionally good voices and have become firm favourites during the tour.

Miss Grace Crotty, the little soulful soprano with the Company, is quickly working her way to fame. Although only under two years on the stage, Miss Crotty had played important parts with the Company. She jumped from chorus to a principal part in less than a fortnight. Miss Crotty sings with an ease and charm seldom found in such a young artist. She plays "Casilda" in "The Gondoliers."

Mr. Chas. Workman has a clever son who is following in his father's footsteps. He is at present with the company which opens in Hongkong on Saturday. Roy often outstudies his father and also plays many parts successfully. Although very young, he is making rapid headway and is a fine artist.

CANTON PEACE TALK.

General Ngai Bong-ping Released.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Feb. 6. The situation for the last few days has been very obscure, but there has been no trouble.

It now appears that an agreement has been arrived at by the various different bodies of troops, and it is to be hoped that it will be successful. The distribution of districts has been arranged so that the Kwangsi troops, under Shum Hung-ying, will be allotted to the West and North Rivers to take charge there. The Yunnanese troops will remain in charge of Canton City, and the Cantonese troops under Hsu Sung-chi will be allotted the East River district. In this way it should be possible to satisfy all parties.

In any case, it is now highly improbable that there will be any actual fighting in Canton itself, as practically all the Kwangsi troops have already left the city, leaving only the Yunnanese.

The Canton-Kowloon Railway is still not running through trains to Hongkong, but it will probably not be long before the various military commanders along the line arrange matters.

It is thought by many Chinese that a unification with the North is also possible in the near future. It is possible that Shum Tsen-huan may come down South, but it is very improbable that Dr. Sun Yat-sen will do so, as it will be unnecessary if the unification goes through, as he will probably be employed in Peking.

General Ngai's Release.

Another Canton correspondent writes stating that General Ngai Bong-ping was released on Tuesday, when the British, American and Japanese Consuls went with a number of members of the benevolent societies to the Agricultural Experimental Station to meet him. The two Generals, Leung and Chan, who served under General Ngai, also arrived from Kowloon for the occasion. Most of the commercial houses discharged fire-crackers as a demonstration of their gratification at Ngai's release.

It is now stated that General Shum Hung-ying's forces have not been compelled to leave the city because of disagreement with the other commanders, but that this is the result of an arrangement with the chief Yunnan commanders defining the respective spheres of the troops.

General Shum's troops have evacuated the Mint and shifted over to the Arsenal. A notice has been issued that no other troops are to be permitted to encroach on the defence lines.

The three gunboats Pu Pik, Kwong Yuk and Kwong Kum have left Kowloon for Swatow, in order to bring back General Hsu Sung-chi and his troops to Canton.

There is evidently fighting continuing near the Cheong Muk Tau, and Shinglung railway stations, as the firing of guns can still be heard. The real situation is not known, as communication by land and water is out of.

TRAMWAY "BOMBS."

Turn Out to be "Sparklets"

Those who had visions of Bolshevik activities when the news went forth that "bombs" had been laid on the trams at Quarry Bay, possibly with a view to wrecking trams and disorganising the traffic communication of this Colony, should have their fears stilled by information emanating from the Police to-day that these instruments of "frighfulness" have turned out, after examination by the Government expert, to be nothing more dangerous than soda water bulbs of the type known as "Sparklets."

The gas contained in these tiny cylinders would no doubt cause the explosion which first gave a serious impression to the affair. Some practical joker is apparently at large.

KOWLOON BUS CO. SUED.

Father Claims Damages for Daughter's Death.

Arising out of the death of an eight year old Chinese girl, who was knocked down and killed by a bus belonging to the Kowloon Motorbus Company, Ltd., in Shanghai Street on Oct. 17th, the father and next of kin, Tang Kwan, a hawker of Shamshipo, brought an action against the Motorbus Company, in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, this morning, claiming \$1,000 and costs.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for plaintiff and defendants were represented by Mr. R. E. A. Webster. Plaintiff's story was that at 2 o'clock on Oct. 17th, deceased was walking with her mother and a woman friend in Shanghai Street, going in the direction of Yau-mat. They had reached the junction of Tsipo Road and were walking near the middle of the road, slightly on the right hand side. The motorbus came from behind, rounding the corner, and, according to plaintiff, swerved back across the road and knocked down the child and ran over her. It also struck the woman friend, it was alleged, and bruised her. The bus went on its way for some distance at a fair speed, and then pulled up. The injured child was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital, where she died at 4 o'clock.

The point at issue, Mr. Russ explained, was whether these people were walking down the road and the bus ran into them, or whether, hearing the bus coming, they hesitated and the child ran across the road in front of the vehicle. Plaintiff alleged negligence on the part of the driver and that the accident was caused by such negligence.

With regard to the amount of damages, Mr. Russ said during the time the girl was not at school she looked after her parents' shop. At the age of thirteen it had been intended that she should go into the cigarette factory until she was married. In that factory it was estimated that she would have earned fifty cents a day which, according to Chinese custom, would have been paid to the father. When she married there would have been the question of dowry, which would have been paid to the father.

His Honour thought the dowry paid for the lady's trousseau.

Evidence in support of plaintiff's case was then given, it being mentioned that it had been the parents' intention that the girl should marry at the age of sixteen or seventeen. The mother thought they would have had a dowry of \$1,000, because deceased was a very pretty girl. The driver of the bus was described by other witnesses as "either blind or a fool" and one witness gave his opinion that the driver did not know his job.

Defendants' case, as put forward by Mr. Webster, was that plaintiff's case was absolutely untrue. There was no negligence on the part of the driver. The true facts were that the woman and the child ran across the road in front of the bus. The driver tried to pass them by turning to the right. The woman and child lost their heads and turned back, and the child was knocked down.

Sergeant Smith, Traffic Sergeant for Kowloon, gave evidence to the effect that the driver had a good police record. The police examination for drivers of public vehicles was more severe than the examination for those of private cars.

The case is proceeding.

BIG CANTON FIRE.

Over Fifty Shops Destroyed.

A Canton correspondent states that a disastrous fire broke out in the city yesterday morning, causing much damage.

The outbreak began to the south of Ku Yee Street, in the western part of the city, in the early hours of the morning and was not extinguished until 3 p.m.

In all, over fifty shops were destroyed, but no lives were lost. The loss must be very heavy, as all the shops were fully stocked with goods for the coming New Year.

ALLEGED FORGED CHEQUE.

Capt. Branch's Clerk in Trouble.

A Chinese clerk named Luk Tang-cheong, employed by Captain B. Branch, Official Measurer, was charged, at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindell, with forging and uttering a cheque.

Mr. H. B. L. Denny appeared for the defence.

Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, who prosecuted, was asked by his Worship if the defendant got off with the sum of \$365 for which he is said to have forged Captain Branch's name on the cheque.

Mr. Tinson replied that he did not. The facts were that after presentation at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, cheques had to be passed to a European assistant, would scrutinize the signature carefully. In this case it was found to be unsatisfactory, and Captain Branch being communicated with over the telephone, the discovery was made that the cheque was a forged one. Payment was stopped, the defendant being arrested immediately in the Bank premises.

Mr. Denny made an application for bail.

His Worship:—Is the defendant employed by Mr. Branch?

Mr. Tinson:—Yes.

His Worship:—Well, then, I shall refuse bail. Remanded to this day week at 10 a.m.

STATUE OF MR. MONTAGU FOR BOMBAY.

Mr. Montagu is at present giving sittings to an Italian sculptor, Signor Ricardi, for a life-size statue of himself, to be presented to the city of Bombay at the instance of Mr. S. R. Bonapio (of Bombay), organiser of the Montagu Memorial Fund, which now amounts to several thousand pounds. The same artist has also been commissioned to execute a bust of Mr. Montagu for the Bombay Legislative Council.

News in Today's New Advertisements.

Particulars and conditions of the letting by public auction of four lots of Crown land, are given on page 4.

A concert will be given in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, to-night.—Page 4.

Consignees are notified of the arrival of the s.s. "Helenus".—Page 4.

Ralph Ince is appearing at the World Theatre in "Out of the Snows".—Page 12.

A quantity of household furniture will be sold by public auction by Hughes and Hough on the 8th inst.—Page 4.

Owing to a temporary stoppage of the Peak Tramway, motor vehicles will be allowed to use the new road to the Peak on the days concerned. Particulars on page 4.

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Lammert Brothers are holding a public auction sale of household furniture, etc., at a residence in Homantin, on the 12th inst.—Page 4.

Suitable quarters are required in Kowloon for a bachelors' mess.—Page 4.

Members of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club will be interested in the notice appearing on page 4.

Particulars of forthcoming auction sales are given on page 4.

To-Day's Exchange.

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DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

Speech Day.

The annual Speech Day of the Diocesan Boys' School was held yesterday afternoon. Unlike other scholastic institutions in the Colony the School does not make it an occasion for the presentation of prizes. The system of giving no prizes has been in vogue since 1919 and judging by the splendid results achieved it has had no detrimental effect on either the students' work or play.

There was a good attendance of parents and friends. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria presided and was supported by the Director of Education (Hon. Mr. E. Irving) and the Headmaster (Rev. W. T. Featherstone). Among others present were the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, Rev. J. T. Holman and Mr. N. Teesdale Mackintosh.

The meeting having opened with a verse of the National Anthem, the Bishop apologised for the absence of Vice Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, who regretted his inability to be present.

Five minute speeches on School Routine and Discipline, Games and the Army Chinese, Chinese Studies, and School History were delivered by Philip Mooney, the Senior Prefect for 1922, Eric Wong Ching Tung, the 8th School Prefect for 1922 and Senior Prefect for 1923, Yuen Kwok Huen, the Second Prefect for 1923, and William Youngsara, the third Prefect, the King Edward VII and the Hongkong Government Education Scholar, 1922, respectively.

The Hon. Mr. Irving made a short speech. He congratulated William Youngsara upon his remarkable success. As the Headmaster had said, that was a very novel prizegiving in that they did not give any prizes. Personally he thought it was an excellent idea. He (the speaker) ventured in his annual report a year or two ago to point out that prizes were in many cases very much overdone in Hongkong and he instanced a case that came to his notice of a girl winning a \$50 cup for a 500 and spoon race. If she had worked hard and won her form prize he supposed she would have got a \$5. 6d. copy of "Little Folks." The Director of Education sympathized with the Headmaster in the desire for better science annuities and concluded by wishing the School as successful a future as it had enjoyed in the past. (Applause).

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Wong Kai Leung, the senior Chinese master, and carried with cheers.

The hymn "O God our help in ages past," concluded the meeting.

Afterwards the visitors partook of tea and inspected the School and witnessed an exhibition of physical drill in the playground.

We take the following from the Headmaster's Report:

This is the fifty-fourth Annual Report of this School. To-day we call this occasion a Speech Day, not a Prize Giving; certain boys are to make speeches upon various subjects and there are no prizes. We have had on trial the system of giving no prizes since 1919, when there were no prizes at the Annual Swimming Sports; in 1921 we had no prizes at our Athletic Sports and in January, 1922, partly owing to the change in the Schools' and the University's year and partly because we wanted to discourage the idea of working for prizes, we had no Prize Giving of Speech Day. In future this annual event will be called a Speech Day. We do not want it to be a long wearisome affair with long speeches and reports, which weary adults and scholars

alike. But we hope that the annual Speech Day will be of interest to all.

In regard to the work of the School, the report says: "There is a demand for shorthand and it is taught in three classes. The standard of work done in Mathematics has been raised throughout the School and especially in Classes 1 and 2. In 1922 we hope to make a decided advance in Science if we can get the necessary equipment. In History an attempt is being made to make boys take a wider interest. Books such as 'Keats' and 'Fraser's Introduction to World History' will be introduced into the School in 1923. In Geography great interest has been taken in Map Drawing. Several models have been put up. In Drawing, several drawings done in school and mostly by boarders have been framed and now help to decorate certain classrooms. The Writing done by English boys and local boys of mixed parentage is bad. An attempt has been made to improve the way in which boys keep their exercise books and a better book with a strong cover has been provided. In Reading, the great faults are (1) reading too quickly and (2) mispronunciation—often through slowness and lack of knowledge as to how to control the vocal organs. In 1923 a few simple vocal exercises will be introduced. Religious Instruction.

The Headmaster continues: "As this is a Church School, scripture and the catechism are taught in all classes. In 1923 it is my intention to try and improve the teaching of scripture and of religion throughout the School. We want modern books on the bible for all classes, and a simple text book on comparative religion for the senior classes. In this subject a library would be very useful: senior boys could be encouraged to read select books on religion, ethics, social reform and other subjects and thus develop their vision of ethical and spiritual life. It is my firm conviction that much of the apathy of people towards organised religion, and much of the trouble in the world to-day is due to what I call the 'blind teaching' of the past. Religion is at subjects in which there should be no limits to enquiry and in which reason and faith should grow together."

In 1922 there has been a large rise in the average attendance, which has been 350, about 50 or 60 above the general annual average attendance. Increases in Classes 6, 7, and 8 are due, I think, to the substitution of lady teachers for Anglo-Chinese teachers and to the improvement in our Chinese staff. More boys have been refused entrance in 1922 than in any previous year 1918-1921. More accommodation has been made for boarders, who numbered 110 in September 1922, 10 more than in any previous year. We refused admission to 27 boarders in September 1922. We have more boarders from outside Hongkong than previously.

The following figures as to nationalities and places are interesting: Nationalities—253 Chinese, 93 mixed, 10 Portuguese, 8 English, 6 Indian, 2 Greek, 1 Dutch, 1 Japanese, 1 Korean, 1 Russian, 1 Siamese. Boarders came from the following places—Hongkong 27, Amoy 18, Hanoi 4, Swatow 4, Penang 2, Macao 1, Bangkok 1, Shanghai 1, Singapore 1, Tokyo 1, Tientsin 1, Hoihow 1, Kongmoon 1, Sandakan 1, Korea 1. No less than 37 of the above are Amoy Chinese from Amoy, Formosa and Manila. At the end of the year nine Japanese applied for admission.

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The Headmaster continues:

The Discipline is generally excellent, but it is bad in Chinese lessons. Certain boys should pay a little more attention to details, e.g., the way in which they keep their clothes, exercise books, etc.; all these small things count very much in discipline.

We have developed the Prefect System and boys are now more "on their honour" in and out of School. In Games we have decided to join no Leagues or Associations; we are willing to play any school in Friendly Matches. The League System in not a good system for Schools nor are the systems of holding Sports for Prizes or International Contests for School Boys.

In connection with Games and Work we are gradually developing the House System; our aim is to get as many boys as possible to do something for their House and for the School.

Salaries and Fees.

In 1914 the Salaries were not satisfactory and in the history of the school only two masters have stayed for any length of time. Since 1914 salaries have been increased considerably and more European teachers are employed in the lower classes. In 1914, our total salaries for European teachers amounted to \$21,700, in 1922 they amounted to \$33,700. There has also been an increase in maintenance, food, etc. In addition we maintain that we are giving a better return for fees paid in the improvement in equipment, food, etc., and in the facilities for games, drill, etc.

Considering the fact that the Diocesan Boys' School is one of the most successful representatives of British education in the Far East, our fees are remarkably

low. It is well to remember this when comparing the results of schools abroad with the results of schools at home. Moreover, schools at home have large endowments; we have none apart from the small annual Government Grant.

Our Boarders' Fees are the highest charged at Schools in Hongkong but if first class men from our Universities and training colleges are to continue to be attracted to work in the Far East they must receive adequate salaries and pensions and be able to work under favourable conditions in the matter of boarding accommodation, classrooms, grounds and equipment. Salaries have been increased but the Boarding accommodation, etc., is still bad and there are no pensions.

All these improvements cost money; if people want them they must be willing to pay for them, and if they pay so much less than is paid at home and if we have no endowments, our results must not be unfavourably compared with schools in England.

In the past education in Hongkong and the Far East has been too cheap; wealthy people and people with moderate means have been receiving education too cheaply. For example, I could mention three schools in the Far East (not in Hongkong) where wealthy boys receive board, quarters and education with European teachers in the higher classes for \$150, \$120 and \$110 per annum respectively. And then we wonder at the product—youths whose characters and lives have been ruined by a cheap education, who are neither Eastern nor Western, and who have neither the discipline of their own manners and customs nor that of Western civil-

sation; and this is due very largely, I maintain, to cheap education. The Orphanage.

This School was originally founded as an orphanage for destitute English and Eurasian children. Some people seem to have got the impression that since I became Headmaster of the School and since School Fees have been increased, it is not carrying out the purpose of its Founders. The figures speak for themselves. My policy has been to admit more English and Eurasian day boys at reduced fees because there is no similar Church of England school to which they can go, and many of their parents are not in a position to pay high fees. There is a special subscription list for this purpose.

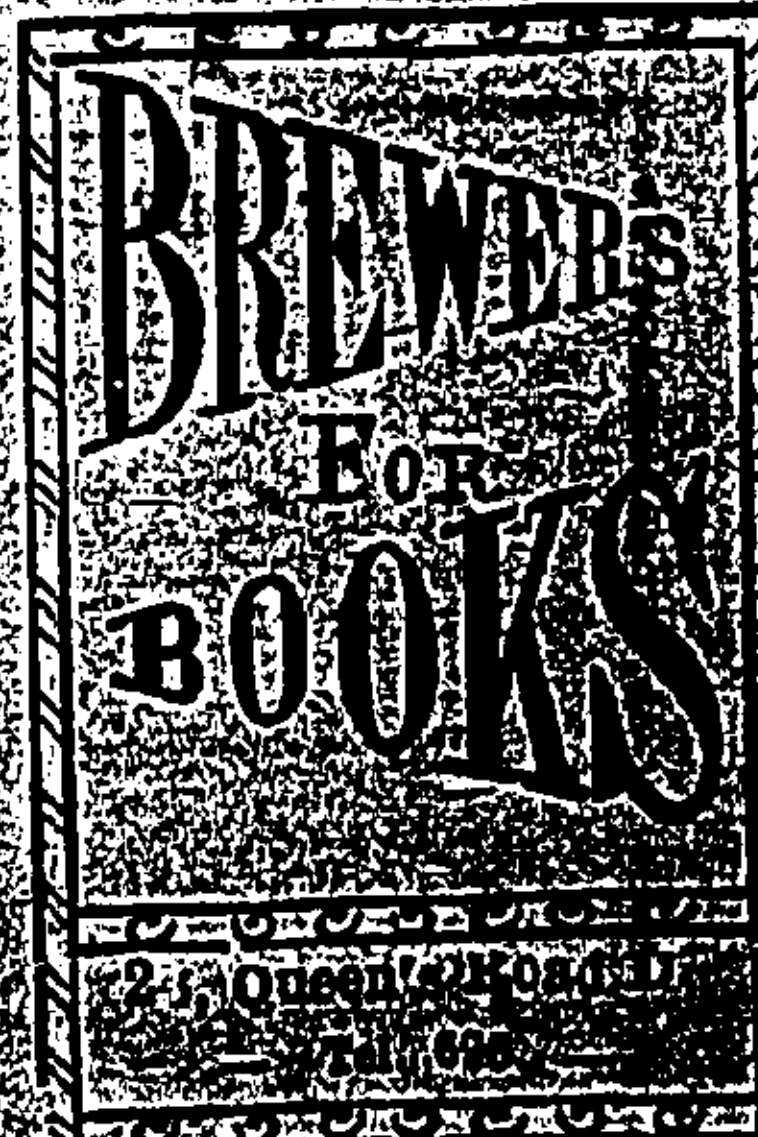
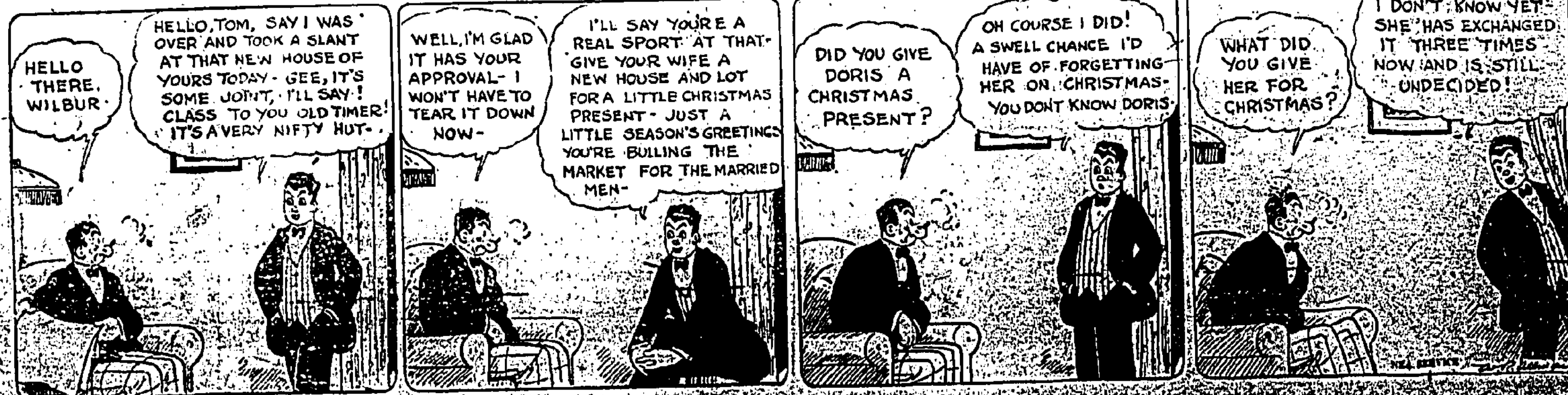
With regard to Chinese boys, we do not admit them at reduced fees because we have other schools for Chinese with lower fees and secondly there is no special subscription list for this purpose.

Parents and scholars would do well to remember that it does not encourage the authorities of the school to admit boys free or at reduced fees if they are extravagant in big or small ways. If parents and relations of boys can afford to possess motor cycles for pleasure, to buy the best of bicycles and tennis racquets, and to sit in the best seats at theatres, etc., then boys are not fit subjects for reduced fees. I am speaking with a knowledge of cases of abuse in connection with orphanages and similar institutions. One abuse becomes "case hardened" some times, e.g., when one discovers cases of people trying to get as much help from a Roman Catholic (Continued on Page 4.)

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institution, so much from a Church of England institution and a grant from a benevolent society. The committee appointed to control charitable societies might do good work if it also formed a sub-committee to deal with charitable education. Careful enquiry would prevent much overlapping. It seems to me that no Society should make grants for the education of children at institutions unless those institutions publish an annual balance sheet; a balance sheet of special sales of work, etc., is not sufficient. In some cases the grants may not be necessary.

The New School.

A special report was printed and extracts appeared in the press in December 1922. The appeal was issued in January and a further report will be published in March. Certain people have expressed a doubt as to the accessibility of the site; the best reply to this is to ask people to go to see the site when I am sure they will realise how excellent and central is its position. It is in the centre of what will be a large residential area and has main roads and a railway station adjoining it. In other countries parents often go and live near well known schools; parents in Hongkong might well consider home in the neighbourhood of the new school where they will find many very good sites for building. At first we must build only the absolutely necessary buildings and gradually develop the site. When we have moved the school I see no reason why boarders and day boys should not help to level the site; it is not an unknown thing for scholars to level a cricket ground or a play ground. My experience with boarders in Hongkong does not lead me to think that local conditions and the fear of "losing face" would be obstacles to this suggestion.

External Examinations.

In the annual external examinations at the University we were again very successful in scholarship. Youngs was first in the King Edward VII and the Hongkong Government Education Scholarship. For the latter Scholarship I understand there was a total entry of 15 candidates, of which nine were from this school; our candidates gained the first two places and four others did well. Youngs could only win one scholarship and took the Education Scholarship, which is of the value of \$100 per annum for four years. The Government of Hongkong kindly gave a second scholarship of \$100 per annum for four years to the second boy, Yuen Kwai, on the condition that he signed a contract to teach at a Government School after taking his course in Education at the University.

In the Matriculation Examination we had eighteen candidates of whom twelve passed (two with Honours); one was awarded the Senior Local Certificate and five failed. We were very pleased to see Youngs's distinctions in physics and chemistry, because we have been trying to pay special attention to these subjects during the last two years.

In English our marks were on the whole very good; in dictation seven boys got 100 or more but essays were only fair; in Chinese two boys gained good marks in one paper, but the marks on the whole were not satisfactory; in scripture our marks were bad; in geography there were six boys with more than 70% and in physics and chemistry the results, although not as good as they ought to be, were better than in past years.

In the Junior Local Examination we had 33 candidates of whom 22 passed; the nine distinctions in arithmetic, mathematics and mechanics justify our efforts during recent years; there was a great improvement in the marks for physics and chemistry; in scripture our marks were bad; the general average of marks in English was good.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.**THE RUHR SITUATION.**

London, Feb. 6.
It transpires that Chancellor Cuno unexpectedly made an extensive tour of the Ruhr during the week-end. He visited the large towns, including Essen, where he conferred with representatives of all classes. The French anticipate his visit will stimulate a new offensive by German officials. French advisers from Düsseldorf show that the railway strike continues at Mayence, Coblenz and other places, though a resumption is reported at Treves and elsewhere. The Essen Police Prefect is among the latest expulsions. The export of tar, benzole, sulphate and ammonia from the Ruhr is prohibited.—*Reuter.*

Bordeaux, Feb. 5.
Mine working continues. Unoccupied Germany is cut short of coal. Switzerland is assured of five trains weekly with coal. Emigrants from the Reich are trying to induce railwaymen not to work.

A mission of financiers is now studying the best means of raising taxes on coal, organizing customs and solving the monetary question. Von Guericke declares that Germany with her obduracy is economically committing suicide.

The President of the American Foreign Affairs Committee declares that the German workmen's appeal should be dropped because the majority of Congress regard the French occupation of the Ruhr as a rightful step.—*French Radio by Courtesy of the French Consul.*

NEAR EAST TROUBLE.

London, Feb. 6.
Commenting on the Near East situation, the *Evening Standard* says: Great Britain and the Allies had already agreed to the abolition of the old capitulations and to the substitution of arrangements of somewhat different value. On Saturday they went even further in the direction of abolishing the protection of their citizens against the caprice or oppression of the Turkish magistrates and officials, but all to no purpose. The Turks declined as an insult to their nationality anything short of practically complete authority over foreigners in the Ottoman dominions. They object to anything of the nature of a special law and administration in its present state civilized Powers can consent to leave the personal safety and civil rights of their citizens wholly to the discretion of Turkish magistrates. On the other hand, there is every reason that, as in case of Japan, a promise of treaty revision should be given contingent on the reform within a reasonable period of the Turkish judicial and administrative system.—*Daily Bulletin.*

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

London, Feb. 6.
The main feature of Sir W. Joynson Hicks' report on the enquiry into the organization of the Empire Exhibition is a recommendation for strengthening the control over the management by the creation of a small standing executive committee, including one representative of the Dominion High Commissioners. The report emphasises the importance of the members thereof being men of business experience, able to infuse a strong imperial spirit into the whole organisation. The report finds no justification for believing that there has been either corruption or malfeasance, though it criticises the management's methods and the General Manager's grave lack of tact.—*Reuter.*

NEW U.S. IMMIGRATION BILL.

Washington, Feb. 6.
The Immigration Bill of 1920 was chosen because under it a greater proportion of immigrants came from Northern Europe. The Bill provides for the admission of relatives of citizens, naturalised or so becoming. All persons who are not potential citizens, are excluded except certain professional classes. This section is aimed at Japanese.—*Reuter.*

TROUBLE ON ST. ALBANS.Discussion by Chinese
Chamber

An incident occurring aboard the steamer St. Albans at Thursday Island was recalled yesterday at the meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

The Chairman (Mr. Li Po-kwai) mentioned a letter from Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company, agents for the St. Albans, which was sent to the Chamber in reply to enquiries into a disturbance that took place on the ship at Thursday Island. The Secretary stated that at the request of the Chinese Consul at Melbourne the Chamber investigated an alleged assault committed on some of the Chinese passengers of the St. Albans by the police and soldiers at Thursday Island. Enquiries made by the Chamber's representatives among the passengers revealed that the trouble started on account of the refusal of the Chinese passengers to muster to have their thumb prints taken when the ship was at Thursday Island. In the course of enquiries the Chamber was satisfied that the trouble started over the refusal of the passengers to conform with the law of the port and instigated by some ten undesirable who were disliked by the passengers, as during the voyage they extorted various sums of money from people by threats. The Chamber had replied to the Consul at Melbourne.

In connection with the incident the following report of the Captain of the St. Albans which was appended to the letter may be of interest:

"I beg to report that owing to seven men deserting at Townsville out of 149 Chinese deck passengers ex-Makembo who embarked at Sydney for Hongkong, the Customs authorities required thumb prints to be taken of the remaining 142 so that the missing men could be identified. When these men were told to muster for thumb prints to be taken they refused owing, in my opinion, to shield the seven deserters at Townsville. I went into the passenger deck with the interpreter and re-

PIECE GOODS DEALERS' COMPLAINT.Home For Typhoon
Orphans

A meeting of the committee of the General Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon under the Chairmanship of Mr. Li Po-kwai.

It was stated by the Chairman that the Piecegoods Merchants' Guild had written to the Chamber complaining of the effects of the Canton trouble on their business. The disorganisation of trade was especially bad at this time when money was needed for the New Year and the merchants were unable to collect debts at Canton and other places. At the request of the piecegoods merchants, the Chairman said, the Chamber had communicated with the Chamber at Canton requesting them to give their help.

Another matter referred to related to the name of a training school for the destitute children who lost their parents in the disastrous typhoon at Swatow last August. Mr. Ip Lan-chuen (the Secretary) stated that a training school had been started at Swatow for the poor orphans, to which all the big corps participating in the relief work in the typhoon stricken districts were to contribute \$10,000 for its upkeep.

quested them to muster, and explained for what reason and the majority refused. The Customs insisted on a muster, and requested me to assist them by calling in the police and a military guard. The police were firm and after being justified by the Chinese used force to get the muster. The military guard did not take an active part, but stood round the Chinese whilst the thumb prints were being taken. The Chinese alleged that the police used violence, but this is not correct as I was in the passenger deck all the time and no violence was used by the police, but I saw one Chinese kick a policeman on the chin. These men were in a very mutinous state and would not listen to reason. I heard they gave trouble on the Makembo and have been in a very sulky mood since joining this ship.

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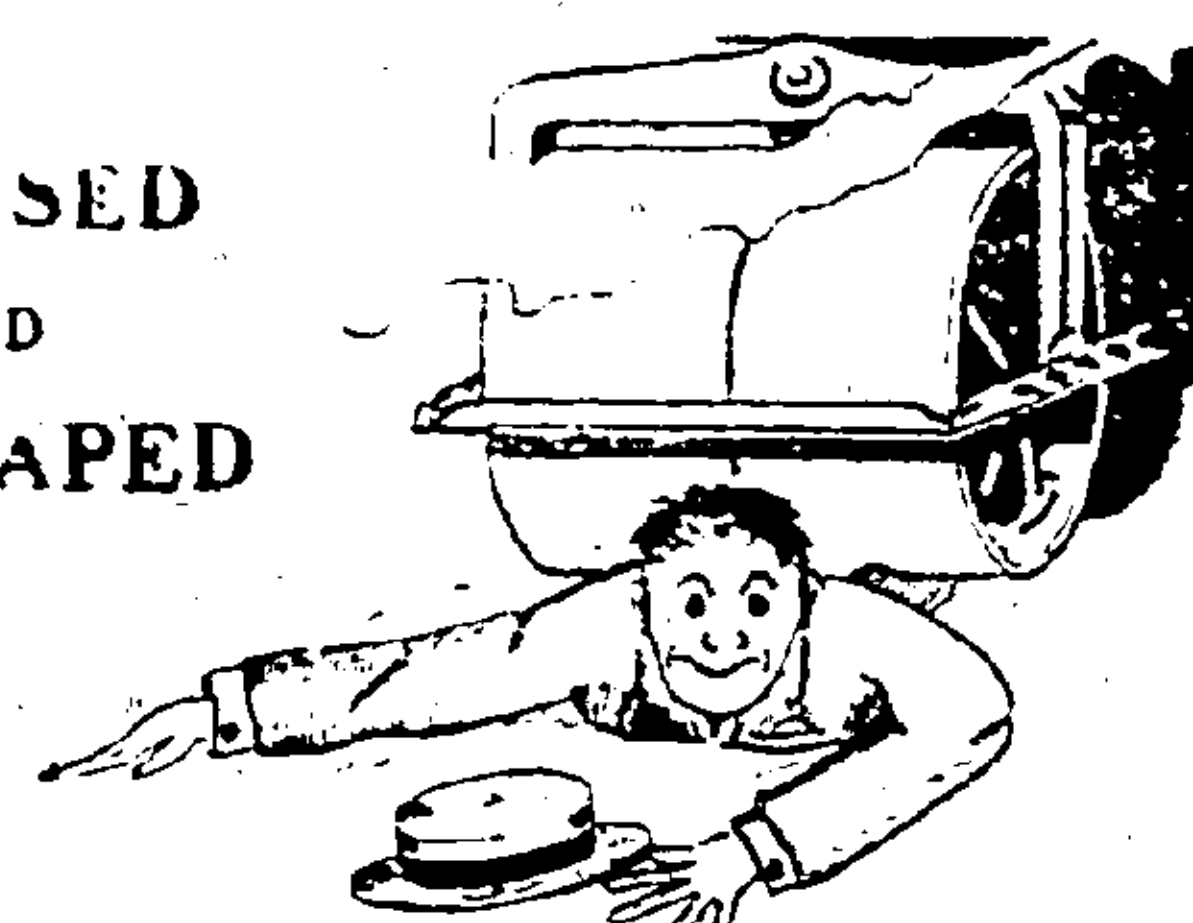
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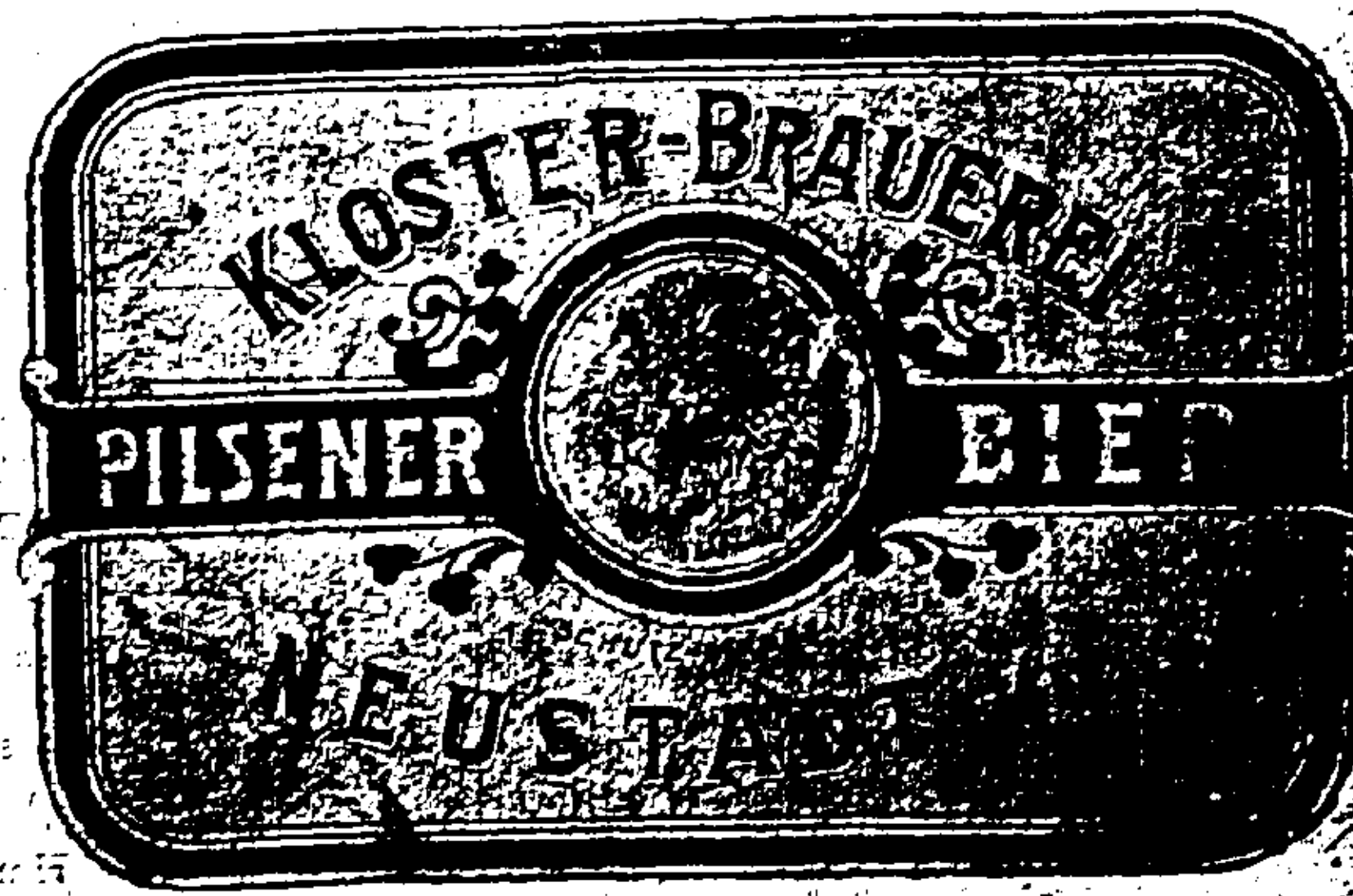
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Legislation to Prevent Fraud.

At a meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon was made of some correspondence received from the Colonial Secretary relative to the prevalence of an alleged malpractice of some Chinese merchants.

Mr. Li Po-kwei, the Chairman, said both the Chinese Chamber and the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce had written to the Government pointing out the desirability of enacting legislation to deal with fraudulent transfers of Chinese businesses. After some time, a no reply had been received, the Chinese Chamber wrote to the Government and received a reply. Mr. Li Po-kwei said it had become a rather frequent occurrence for a Chinese shop to change hands without business was had without transferring the liabilities, with the result that the creditors of the firm suffered.

From the correspondence read out by the Secretary it appeared that at the end of last year, in reply to certain remedies suggested by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce for fraudulent business transfers, the Colonial Secretary pointed out in regard to the suggestion of legislation to control the conditions of such transfers, that the Royal Assent was not ordinarily given to an Ordinance whereby persons not of European birth or descent might be subjected or made liable to any disabilities or restrictions to which persons of European birth or descent were not also subjected or made liable. The Colonial Secretary did not consider the material given by the Chamber as sufficient ground to justify the enactment of the discriminatory legislation. It also appeared, from the correspondence, that the Attorney General also criticised the proposal. The Chinese Chamber, in a letter to the Colonial Secretary last year, also advocated the enactment of legislation to stop fraudulent transfers.

Mr. Fung Ping-shan suggested that the Chamber go further into the matter. Fraudulent business transfers must be stopped. Many cases of fraud had been reported, the victims in all cases having no remedy.

It was decided to pursue the matter further at the next meeting to be held after the China New Year.

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SCHOOL PRIZES.

St. Francis School.

The prizes of St. Francis School (including the Wanchai branch of the Italian Convent) and the Holy Infancy Chinese School were distributed yesterday at St. Patrick's Hall, kindly lent for the occasion by the Catholic Men's Club. An enjoyable little musical programme was given by the pupils, including a pianoforte quartette by Misses E. and B. Navier, C. Fisher and D. Gozann. Masters R. Reed and A. Hartman contributed a recitation, "The Robin in Winter," followed by a fancy drill by eight of the kindergarten girls, accompanied by Misses E. Maher and S. Greenfield. Miss R. Chue recited "Gradation," by Josiah G. Holland, and Misses A. Ismail, K. Kumjaha, S. Joannillo and G. Cooper played the Bolero "Fandango." A duet drill, "Dainty Dumbbells," was pleasingly played by ten girls, accompanied by Miss A. Ismail, after which Miss Chan Ching-cho gave an address of thanks in Chinese.

Headmistress' Report.

The report of the Headmistress for 1921-1922 stated:

In both the departments of the School, the attendance has again increased as compared with the school year 1920-1921. It is gratifying to me to record that, as a result of the annual inspection of the Inspector of Vernacular Schools, the Holy Infancy was classed among the highest point of efficiency of the schools coming under the category of Vernacular Schools. The work of the School has been found, under the able direction of Miss So Lai-king, intelligent.

The growing demand for the education which has been so marked a feature of the progress of practically every school in the Colony within recent years has again been emphasised for St. Francis, and the only limitation for its further expansion appears to be in the fact that the leased premises, which the school has occupied now for a few years past, offer no greater accommodation for a larger attendance. In this respect I can only renew the hope, as expressed in the Report by the Inspector of English Schools for last year, when touching on the point of lack of playground accommodation, which is regarded as a serious defect, that "it is hoped that when Morrison Hill is removed, this will be remedied."

I have to reiterate the appeal which has been expressed in my reports more than once in the past, that the Government will in its solicitude for the promotion of education in the Colony take into consideration the need of St. Francis School in the scheme of the new Praya Reclamation which is now in progress, and that a site such as is urgently required for this—a pioneer school for girls in the Colony—will be allocated for St. Francis School, which caters for the special need of little girls and boys in the populous district of Wanchai.

New Building Wanted.

I am happy to be able to record that on the recommendations of the Inspector of Schools, the full Grant has been awarded to the School in accordance with the provisions of the Education Code. While expressing satisfaction at the recommendation, I am not unmindful of the School's indebtedness to the Government for participating in the cost of the new school building, and this becomes more and more urgent as the Reclamation proceeds apace, and the premises now occupied may have to be vacated before very long.

Up to now no pupils have been presented for the University Local Examinations because of the fact that the highest class is Class 3.

FANLING GOLF.

Captain's Cup Result.

The following is the result of the Captain's Cup competition played at Fanling on the 3rd, 4th and 5th inst:

R. L. Moncrieff 50-0-71.
E. J. R. Mitchell 77-1-73.
Golf Interport Trial.
The final trial match for the selection of the sixth man and two reserves will be played on Saturday next. The following matches have been arranged:—
U. S. Archbutt v R. McNeill Smith.
T. W. Hill v J. E. Warner.
E. J. R. Mitchell v H. V. Ireland.
Capt. Blaxham v A. K. Mackenzie.
W. Galloway v W. W. Mackenzie.
Starting times will be booked; the first pair drive off at 2.40 p.m.

TERRITORIALS FINED.

The Borough Magistrates recently imposed fines of £2 upon seven Territorials, members of the 5th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, who failed to attend camp and were absent without leave. It was stated about 120 applications for leave were granted, but the defendants either made application for leave or did not attend camp.

but it is satisfactory to record that the Kindergarten classes are taught in a manner that has received the commendation of the Inspector of Schools, who considers these classes as very intelligently and efficiently taught, although it is to be regretted that the children in these classes have not more space for class-room games.

The Lugard Scholarship has been awarded as follows:—1921-22 to Miss Celeste Rosario; 1922-23 to Miss Anita Kinn; 1923-24 to Miss Estelina Navier.

On one occasion last year the pupils of the School had the opportunity of a visit to an important industrial establishment in Hongkong where an object lesson of considerable value was acquired of a leading industry in the Colony. Were similar opportunities to be afforded the children to visit factories where they could learn by personal visit of the various processes employed in different staple industries, much benefit would be derived.

Thanks to the generosity of the Rev. Fr. P. Maria, Manager of the School, the pupils were treated to several outings, which were found to be extremely enjoyable. A Christmas Tree was provided for the children on the 23rd December, and for this the school is greatly indebted to the kindness of Mr. H. H. Taylor. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Committee of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the interest taken in a number of poor children who attend this school at the cost of the funds of the Society.

Mr. Henry Dixon, who has ever shown a keen personal interest in the welfare of St. Francis and some of the parishioners of Wanchai, has again donated a sum of \$50, which has been distributed as scholarship to the successful students. Among other donors to the Prize Fund to whom I would like to record my gratitude must be mentioned the name of Mr. F. A. Fisher, who has contributed \$25 to the same fund.

I feel it is my duty to thank Madame Cerveira de Albuquerque Castro and Senhor Cerveira, the Consul-General for Portugal, for their kindness in presiding this afternoon, and in conclusion have to thank the Committee of the Catholic Men's Club for the use of the Hall, which they so kindly placed at our disposal for this function.

The prizes were then distributed by Madame Cerveira de Albuquerque Castro, wife of the Portuguese Consul General.

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

An Exciting Game.

A very exciting game took place in the second round of the Billiard Championship of the Colony at the Victoria Recreation Club last night. C. Earnshaw (500) defeating J. T. Ribeiro (493) by the very narrow margin of seven points. Earnshaw's highest break was 29 and Ribeiro's chief effort 25. Ribeiro went well away at the start and on reaching the first century mark was over 70 in front. Earnshaw caught him up and the two ran level until 300 was reached, when Earnshaw forged ahead by 60. Ribeiro made a big effort and got level again at 450. It was then a neck and neck tussle. Earnshaw eventually running out with 15 unfinished.

Naval Billiard Championship Cup.

The yearly billiard tournament for the Billiard Championship Cup, for chief and petty officers of the Royal Navy, concluded on Monday night and resulted in H.M.S. Titania 'A' team being the holders of the Cup for the year 1923. All ships were invited to enter representative teams. The following ships entered:—

H. M. S. "Hawkins," 'A' and 'B' teams.
H. M. S. "Durban," one team.
H. M. S. "Titania," 'A' and 'B' teams.
H. M. S. "Tamar," one team.

POLITICAL POVERTY.

Ex-Ministers Who Have To Economise.

After seventeen years in office I have retired a poor man and it is absolutely imperative that I should turn to writing as a means of livelihood." In those words, which occur in the course of Mr. Lloyd George's correspondence with certain American papers, is repeated the proud boast of modern British statesmanship. In the eighteenth century a man making such a confession would have been regarded by most of his fellow-politicians as a fool who had misused his opportunities. It is true that there were one or two such cases here and there.

The Pitts were notoriously contemptuous of money; Newcastle went out of office many thousands of pounds poorer than when he had begun that curious career which provided so many opportunities of more or less illicit gain. But the exceptions only proved the rule that a man holding high office expected to provide not only for himself but for his family, as Walpole did, as Portland did, as Somers did, as Henry Fox did, as Nottingham did. And some of these were men of high character. But in modern times it has never been the rule that the States should fulfil even Burke's modest aspiration—that "those who work in her service should not suffer in their own houses."

When "Dizzy" left office he had to negotiate for the publication of another novel in order to provide himself with a house in town. Gladstone writes to his wife on the imperative need for retrenchment when he goes out of office. "to make a little money for you and the boys," as he writes to his wife. Spencer sells the great library in order to deal fairly with his tenants; another statesman of our times alienates land and art treasures in the evening of long service to the country. Mr. Asquith migrates to Bloomsbury. The new tradition is firmly established.

WRESTLERS WIN.

End of Strike and Dramatic Haircutting.

The wrestlers' strike at Tai has been settled, the managers granting the performers' demand for higher pay and double pension. The festivities in celebration of victory, however, were disturbed by the dramatic action of a great wrestler Onishiki, who refused to make common cause with the strikers, believing that they should have agreed to compromise. After an excellent speech he suddenly cut off a knot of hair, thereby committing professional suicide—for it appears that, like Samson, a Japanese wrestler loses some potent faculty when he has shaved.

It was through the intervention of the Chief of the Metropolitan Police, Mr. Akaike, that the managers were induced to grant the wrestlers' demands. The agreement having been arranged at the police headquarters, all concerned went to the Hiranoya restaurant to celebrate. The Police Chief, having expressed his congratulations, the great Onishiki, and speaking in an excited manner, said he had been willing from the first to sacrifice his life in this dispute. He added (perhaps in irony) that he had to congratulate the wrestling world upon the perfect solution of the trouble through the good offices of the Police Chief. For his own part he had taken a resolution from the beginning and had declared it. Faithful to his word, he was now determined to retire from wrestling. So saying, he raised his right arm, and his beautiful knot of hair fell in front of him. All the company was dumb-founded and almost gasped for breath, staring at the huge wrestler. Onishiki left the room in silence, and two or three other wrestlers followed him. A chill fell on the company. Mr. Akaike, the Police Chief, closed the meeting.

Onishiki's hair-cut, which is regarded as almost equivalent to a samurai's *harakiri*, gave a shock to wrestling circles. Onishiki and his party had supported the demands at first, but when the wrestlers declared war against the managers' association, they refused to make common cause. The other wrestlers were angry at this. Later Onishiki offered to act as mediator, but his services were not accepted. He seems to have been offended that the mediation of the Police Chief should have been accepted in preference to his own, but the Japanese papers say it is not easy for the lay mind to grasp the full significance of this momentous episode.

However, triumphant strikers were not to be robbed of a celebration. They returned to their temporary headquarters, broke open casks of sake and drank in Herculean fashion and then called eighteen automobiles for a joy-ride.—Japan Chronicle.

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BIRTHS.

ROE.—At the Peak Hospital on Tuesday, 6th inst. to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Roe, a son.

LLOYD.—At Cranagh, Jervois Road, Singapore, on January 26th, the wife of C. J. Lloyd, Hongkong Bank, a daughter.

The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 7th Feb. 1923.

RENT CONTROL.

The prospects of a renewal of the Rent Control Ordinance form the subject of a deal of discussion amongst house-holders at present. There is no doubt that landlords would like to see the present law annulled, but we shall be much surprised if their wishes are realised. There is, amongst many tenants, considerable ignorance regarding the exact nature of the present law, although it has been in force for two years or so. Some appear to think that they can't give notice to quit if the property changes hands. That is not the case, and it is as well that tenants should know the fact. So long as the standard rent is paid (that is, the rent applying on January 1st, 1921) they cannot be dispossessed, save where the building is to be pulled down or substantial improvements involving a specified expenditure are to be carried out. Any tenant, therefore, who is under the impression that a change of ownership of itself can result in his being turned out, can rest assured that the law gives the new owner no such right.

There is one point in connection with rent control which needs mentioning at the present time, and that is the extremely high rentals which are being charged on new property. By the terms of the Ordinance, landlords can fix whatever rentals they choose on new property. Such property was not brought under the restrictive clauses of the Ordinance, because it was felt that this might tend to discourage building. Since the introduction of the Ordinance, however, the demand for houses has continued unabated, with the result that many residents seeking accommodation have had no option but to go into new houses. That has meant the payment of exorbitant rentals, and, with the increase in the number of new houses, this hardship is being felt by a growing number of householders. If matters continue as at present, the time will come when these people will need protection as well as the occupants of older property.

Some time ago, it was made a condition that landlords borrow-

ing money from the Government for building purposes should not charge a rental yielding them more than eight per cent. on capital outlay. People are now asking why, if eight per cent. was considered a fair and just return to landlords, that figure cannot be adhered to in the case of new property, at least until such time as the supply of houses meets the demand. They argue, with a considerable degree of reason, that, so far as the tenant is concerned, it is immaterial where the landlord obtains the money with which to build—that the origin is nothing, and the need of protection every-thing. Looked at from this standpoint, it would appear that, so far from the present Ordinance being repealed, there are good arguments why it should be widened in its application.

Hauls of Arms.

The discovery of huge consignments of arms and ammunition in the Colony goes merely on, so to speak. Twenty machine-guns, 440 pistols and revolvers, and several hundred thousand rounds of ammunition is the latest tally in a single coup effected by the Hongkong preventive service. Either half a company of bandits or three or four gangs of pirates, have been disappointed of getting their weapons this time, but will probably wait for the next lot to get through or else equip themselves from the considerable stock that must have accumulated in different parts of South China by now. Or it may be that these arms were intended for the use of some Southern war lord, for the "legitimate" purpose of ousting a rival. Whatever the ultimate destination of the consignment, it gives rise to further speculation as to how much of this traffic is really going on. Has the proportion of discoveries been greater of late, or is the business of smuggling arms and ammunition flourishing more than ever? Working on the assumption that less than twenty per cent. of the traffic is being checked, and bearing in mind the recent big hauls, one arrives at a startling estimate of the proportions of this smuggling business. Much of the ammunition can be used up from time to time, but the weapons must be steadily accumulating, and we wonder how many unlicensed firearms could be found in Hongkong.

Immigration Problems.

The restrictions now being introduced by the Government of the United States on aliens immigrating to that land are not to be wondered at. Most of the emigrants from Europe nowadays are refugees, whose resources are small, and whose chances of being successfully absorbed into the productive population of America are slight. There is a limit to the expansion of every country, and in the United States, despite the great developments going on, there is very nearly as big a population as the country is likely to need for years to come. The important factor of the natural increase of the settled residents has to be taken into account. Even in countries like Australia, where large tracts of land are practically unpeopled, only a limited annual absorption of immigrants can take place. One feature of this question that also counts for a great deal now is the general economic distress and lack of employment. This constant flow of the surplus population of one land to another, and the fact that the number of people in the world is steadily increasing, gives rise to speculation on the position of even a hundred years hence. The time of synthetic tabloid foods might have come by then, or else man, like the animals of the jungle, might be engaged in a war of extermination of his kind, under the doctrine of the survival of the fittest. Commentators on warfare among the so-called civilised nations have sometimes cynically suggested that man is merely carrying out the dictates of his original animal nature, under the guises of modern methods, and will continue so to the end of the world. Naturalists who merely look upon mankind as a higher form of the animal kingdom, and who bear in mind the ruthless methods that Nature uses to keep the creatures of this earth within limits, sending famine and pestilence when necessary, are inclined to feel sorry for the world's population four or five generations hence.

DAY BY DAY.

ECONOMY MAKES HAPPY HOMES AND SOUND NATIONS.

The Diocesan Conference is to be held in Hongkong on March 13th.

A Club room has been opened in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, for the boys of the Scout Troop.

Yesterday's health return shows one case each of diphtheria, enteric fever and cerebro-spinal fever. All were Chinese.

Among the forthcoming marriages announced is that between Mr. Ernest Kern, of the Station Hotel, Kowloon, and Miss Alice J. V. Nally, of the Victoria Hotel, Shamene.

The Rev. M. W. Shewell, M.A., C.F., is appointed Senior Chaplain to the Forces, China Command, with effect from Jan. 1st, 1923, to administer all denominations other than Roman Catholic.

The eighteen barrels of arms and ammunition seized whilst being taken into the Kowloon godowns on Monday were from the s.s. President Wilson, and not the President Jackson, as at first stated.

We have received from Mr. Wallace Farley several calendars issued by Messrs. Huntley and Palmer, the well-known biscuit manufacturers of Reading for whom Mr. Farley is the Shanghai representative.

Several of the steamers to arrive in port to-day and yesterday report having experienced a very strong monsoon and heavy seas. The s.s. Banca, which brought the Home mail in yesterday, had its steering gear damaged on the way up.

Carrying a revolver, knives and torches, three men boarded a junk whilst it was moored alongside the Hung Hom Ferry Wharf last night and stole money and clothing of the total value of \$46. The cook was the only person aboard at the time, and he was easily intimidated.

Surgeon-Captain H. S. Burniston, C.M.G., has been appointed to the Royal Naval Hospital at Hongkong, and will be borne on the books of the Tamar, depot ship at the port. Captain Burniston saw a great deal of hard work afloat and ashore in the late war (mentioned in despatches, C.M.G.).

Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, the Naval Commander-in-Chief in China, is expected to visit Manila on February 16th, on the Hawking, accompanied by the Despatch, Diomedea, Peterfield, Titania and several submarines. Lady Leveson and the two Misses Leveson are also expected to visit Manila, travelling by passenger steamer.

The well-known Shanghai billiards player, Mr. E. D. Bush, who has figured prominently in billiards championships in Shanghai for a number of years, defeated the local champion Mr. R. C. K. Johnson in a 300-up game at the Thirty Club on January 1st. The holder of the title, who was representing the French Club, made a total of 177. Mr. Bush made breaks of 58, 39, and 37 unfinished.

A most interesting programme has been arranged for the concert which is to be held in the Church Hall, Kowloon, to-night, under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Church Men's Association. The Hongkong Male Voice Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. G. O. Fieldgate, is to render numerous items, songs are to be contributed by Miss Jean Lowson and Engineer Commander Hocken, Mrs. Baleson to give a violin solo and Mr. L. A. Zaitensky will provide humorous impersonations. The accompanists will be Mrs. Collett and Capt. H. Fogg, M.C. The proceeds are in aid of the Seamen's Institute.

EX-OFFICER'S COFFEE-SHOP.

W. B. Hulke, D.S.O., Brigadier-Commander in Flanders during the War, is now running a coffee-shop near Oxford Circus. Interviewed, he said, "My wife cooks and superintends the kitchen, while I take the money, and if a customer wants beer, I run and fetch it from the public house up the street. I rise to all occasions, even throwing out undesirable customers."

HOMEWARD BOUND.

Delta Taking Drafts Away To-Day.

Drafts from the different military units will be leaving Hongkong by the s.s. Delta this afternoon, some of the officers on retirement from the Service, their reliefs having arrived by the same vessel on the outward voyage.

There was much bustle at the R.A.S.C. wharf this morning, when the heavy baggage was collected and taken on board. Early this afternoon the units embarked from Stonecutters, Lyamun, Kowloon and Hongkong, and there were the usual scenes accompanying such departures.

The officers and their wives who embark by the Delta from the Hongkong command are the following:—Of the Royal Garrison Artillery, Major C. L. Hickling, D.S.O., Major W. C. Downing, Major E. D. Matthews and Mrs. Matthews, Capt. P. Havelock Davies, M.C., Capt. C. S. Cumming, Capt. J. M. Murphy, Lieut. G. E. F. Boyes, Lieut. E. T. O'N. Hogben, Lieut. A. H. Mockridge and Mrs. Mockridge, Lieut. W. H. Thornton, Lieut. J. T. Bigg, Lieut. C. G. Lovegrove and Mrs. Lovegrove, of the Royal Engineers, Lt. N. L. Hammond and Mrs. Hammond; and of the Royal Army Medical Corps, Major D. L. Harding, D.S.O., Capt. K. A. M. Tomory and Mrs. Tomory, Capt. and Qmr J. Enwright and Miss Enwright.

Capt. Linton, R.A.M.C., of the North China command, and Mrs. Linton, are also homeward bound by the Delta.

Major Harding is the officer in charge of these drafts going back to "Blighty." The total number, including the men's families, is about 290. Besides the officers, the other ranks of the military are about 50 in number; and there are also a few naval ratings, including Chief Writer Arnold, father of the lad who was fatally mauled by a cheetah recently, who is proceeding Home with Mrs. Arnold. The Delta is expected to sail about four o'clock.

MOTOR SHIP DELAYED.

Serious Charges Against Three Chinese.

An interesting case, in which three men formerly employed in the engine room of the motor ship, Kong Niug, belonging to Mr. Banker and which is on the Kowloon run, are charged with doing damage to the engines of the ship, was opened before the Marine Magistrate (Commander C. W. Beckwith) at the Marine Court this morning.

The master of the vessel, Mr. F. L. Pyne, is charging the men on two counts, the first being that they deserted from the ship in Hongkong at 3 p.m. on Sunday last, the second being that they did wilful damage to the engines. When the case came on this morning, it was formally adjourned until to-morrow, after the defendants had pleaded "not guilty."

It will be alleged against the defendants that before leaving the ship they put a quantity of ground glass powder into certain working parts of the engines and also into the bearings. This was, fortunately, discovered, but even as it was the bearings suffered a certain amount of damage, the ship being delayed in consequence.

ARMS CASE.

Discovery in Harbour.

Evidence was taken at the Police Court this morning in a case in which two men, after having received sentences for possession of opium trafficking, had to answer other charges of possession of 19 Mauser pistols and 1,900 rounds of ammunition. The defendants were the master and foki of a junk.

Sergeant Carey, of the Water Police, related that, on seeing a flare light attached to the mast of the junk, he put off in a boat with a seaman and came upon the defendants in the process of dumping the opium and arms overboard, to avoid discovery. Three of the sacks containing arms and opium were recovered by means of drags. It was intimated previously that if the evidence were satisfactory the defendants would have to stand their trial at the Supreme Court. The hearing is proceeding.

BOOST HONGKONG.

Why Not More Publicity?

All sorts of literature finds its way into the office of the average newspaper. Some American syndicated matter, presumably written by somebody interested in a certain shipping company and for publication in the States and Canada, came my way the other day. The article, which was illustrated by a photo of Hongkong harbour from the Peak and a picturesque snapshot of a junk, gave a short description of the advantages of this Colony as a winter resort. It was little more than clever camouflaged advertising.

It has always struck me as rather remarkable that nobody considers it worth while to spend the money to boom Hongkong. Advertising pays, but Hongkong as a city does not seem to realise the notice of the world would attract more tourists, it would attract more trade representatives, it would probably attract more firms, with the natural result that it would bring more business to the commercial houses here and more revenue to the Government.

Advertising has the same results whether applied to a town or to a business. And look at the big business houses whose success to a large measure is due to their belief in letting the world know who they are, where they are and what they have to offer. Pear's, Bass, Beecham's, Johnnie Walker, Dunlop's, to mention only a few. Those firms have achieved business success. They had the goods, they told the public they had them, and the public bought them.

Hongkong has the goods, too; but Hongkong does not tell the world about it. Does Britain realise the possibilities of Hongkong from a commercial point of view? Our cars, our motor-cycles, our cinema films, our music, our matches, a great proportion of our clothing, toilet necessities—a large proportion of the articles we use every day—from where do they come? Not from Britain.

I'm not saying anything against these goods, or the countries which supply them, but, when all's said and done, this is a British Colony and the patriotic Britisher naturally wants to do all he can to help his own country—especially when a million or so of his fellow-countrymen at home are unemployed owing to slackness of trade. Do the British manufacturers realise the market they have here, if they care to take the trouble to work up the necessary connections?

Our neighbour Malaya has an information agency in London to boom the country and to let the world know they are on the map. What does this Colony do? Apparently nothing. We are to be represented at the Empire Exhibition in London next year, but that will be only a temporary advertisement; we should have something a little more permanent.

Then, do our Eastern neighbours, the Straits Settlements, the Federated Malay States, the Philippines, Borneo, Java, Sumatra, Shanghai and some of the Northern ports, realise the attractions of Hongkong as a winter holiday resort? A Shanghai resident the other day said he had no idea Hongkong had such a wonderful climate in the winter. It was a revelation to him—and a pleasant one after the intense cold he had been experiencing in the Northern port. And those who are condemned to spend their lives in the perpetual sweltering heat of the tropics, with the sun blazing pitilessly down on them day after day, with an intensity even more severe than our hottest days in summer, do they realise that from November to May there is a climate on a par with an English summer only a few days' steamer journey away?

We have wonderful trade facilities, for six months of the year we enjoy an almost ideal climate, and our scenery is said to compare favourably with any part of the world. Then let the world know.

PLEBEIUS.

OSAKA'S ATHLETIC STADIUM.

The new athletic grounds at Osaka, on which the next Far Eastern Olympic contest are to be held, will be completed by the end of March. They are said to be the most elaborately equipped athletic grounds in the Far East, and have been prepared at a cost of ¥2,000,000.

MATCHBOX LABELS.

A Hobby With Possibilities.

We all have hobbies, and usually they consist of collecting things—curios, stamps, different kinds of coins, postcards, cigar bands, cigarette cards, shells, butterflies, beetles, books, pictures, or merely money. Hobbies, of course, are a necessary relaxation. I shall not trouble to advance any proofs here—even if such were needed—as this is not a dissertation on hobbies but a note on a particular one that readers of this paper might be interested in. I confess that I have collected, in my time, all the articles listed above, except cigar bands and cigarette cards—probably because I am a non-smoker—but the most interesting collection I ever made was of matchbox labels. This is not by any means an unusual hobby, for I know of people who made collections years and years ago, when I was still a toddler, and there are many matchbox label enthusiasts abroad (looking for new specimens) to-day.

This article has been suggested to me by the discovery, during the casual unpacking of a trunk, of my collection of labels from matchboxes—numbering about two hundred and fifty in all—got together within little more than a year, and put aside several years ago. But the old collecting fever seems to have been aroused in me by the sight of them, arranged neatly, in their proper grouping, in a scrap-book. Perhaps I shall resume operations here, for Hongkong is no doubt a good place to search in; and it may be there are some who, when they read this, will be moved to take up what can become a fascinating pastime for one's leisure hours.

A great advantage about the collecting of matchbox labels is its cheapness. The ardent collector, in fact, is not above picking up matchboxes from the roadside if he sees a new specimen. A search of the small shops or stalls will often disclose a fresh design, and the price of a box of matches (which can be used) is small indeed.

I have my labels still adhering to the thin wood of the box. They are merely pasted into an ordinary scrap book. The arrangement is as follows: Scandinavia, Rest of Europe and America, Asia, Historical, Advertisements, and Errors. In the first section are labels principally from Sweden, and in the second are examples from Britain, France, Belgium (including Flanders) and Austria. In the Asia section, of course, the chief source of supply is Japan. It is from the factories of the Far East that we get the remarkable variety of gaudy and fantastically drawn labels that contrast so strongly with the comparatively "dowdy" examples from Europe. Occasionally, however, one comes across a copy (even to the gold-metal-awarded) of a Scandinavian label. One Japanese label has a reproduction, in striking colours, of the well-known "His Master's Voice" theme. The Eastern match manufacturer, in short, does not depend exclusively on a permanent trade mark, but prefers to catch the eye of a possible purchaser by means of an attractive design. Some of the labels, especially those issued many years ago, are real works of art, with pretty pictures of birds, animals, flowers, and little children.

In the historical section are grouped such labels as have been inspired by political events—the Japanese warships and sailors design issued at the time of the Russo-Japanese war, the Chinese military and naval flags and the Republican flag prominent on matchboxes during the Revolution and afterwards, and designs (printed in Europe) connected with the Great War, and also the special label denoting the French war tax.

Among the advertisements are references to such widely separated subjects as whisky and tinned milk, and an enterprising gunsmith has even seized this opportunity of extolling the merits of an automatic pistol. A minor Asiatic potentate has had his portrait and name issued on matchboxes—possibly in return for some concession to the manufacturer's agent. There are also the boxes obtained on board the ships of certain companies that have their flags on the label.

Of the errors, due to occasional want of familiarity with the English language the commonest are a reversed letter, such as a "d" or an "s," with a quaint phrase or two now and again. A Scots flavour is given to the claim that a box contains "Best Macintosh," and another

THE WATER SUPPLY.

The Present Position.

The Water Return, dated February 1st, shows that there were 919 million gallons of water in storage on the Hongkong side, as compared with 1,174 million gallons on the same date last year. The consumption last month was nearly 190 million gallons, so there is, roughly, about five months' supply in hand, provided the consumption remains constant.

On the Kowloon side, where a full supply is still being maintained, there is more water in storage than there was this time last year, the figure for February 1st, this year being 231 million gallons, or ten million more than last year. If the consumption for January is taken as a basis, there is four months' supply in hand.

We learn that the Chinese have requested a full supply to be turned on in Hongkong for the Chinese New Year holidays—the same as was done last year. They were granted four days' full supply last year and the same concession will probably be extended this year.

During the past month the rainfall has been less than one-seventh of an inch, as against nearly three inches for January of last year.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Scholars' Excellent Display.

In connection with Speech Day at the Doonan Boys' School, reported elsewhere, an excellent display of physical training was given by the students yesterday afternoon. A group of seventy boarders gave a 10 minutes' display of physical training, this being followed by an exhibition of gymnastics by sixteen other boarders. The students of this school have now been receiving physical training since September last, and their display yesterday was in every way creditable. The boys are in charge of Staff Sergeant Hunt, who is to be commended for the work he has done. It is hoped later that the students of this school will be able to give a big public display.

In his annual report, the Headmaster stated that "physical culture ought to be a very important branch of a school's work; what you see to-day is but a beginning and we hope that parents and guardians in future will see that adequate provision is made for indoor and outdoor physical exercise and that more attention is paid to physical culture."

CHINESE NEWSPAPER IN TROUBLE.

Publisher Charged in Court.

Lo Wing-kwong, the publisher of the *Hongkong Sun Po*, a well-known local Chinese newspaper, was today summoned of two counts, firstly for publishing newspaper matter on the 28th November, of an "indecent, obscene, revolting and offensive nature" and, secondly, for publishing newspaper matter "of a nature calculated to excite tumult or disorder in China" and to excite persons to crime in China.

The case came before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Police Court this morning. Mr. Schofield, who represented the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, prosecuting. Mr. H. C. Lee defended, and the hearing was adjourned for a week.

The *Hongkong Sun Po* is said to be a Labour organ.

Japanese brand is declared to be "Guaranteed the Hot Dampers." This latter should be useful here in the summer. Then there is a Chinese manufacturer who gives his address as "Asia," a neat way, as it were, of indicating that his name is a household word.

In glancing through the pages of my collection, my thoughts go back to many past experiences—grave and gay—and memories of different lands, of seaports, and of shipboard voyages, crowd one another in my mind. I close the book and put it away carefully. It will be worth preserving.

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TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

A garment dating from the Bronze Age discovered by peat-cutters a few feet below the surface of a Swedish fen, has come out intact, thanks to the soil in which it was found. The preservative powers of peat soil have long been recognised by the Irish, so much so that at one time it was their practice to bury butter during the summer for use in the winter. In 1906 some men cutting turf near Killybeg found a tub containing about two hundredweight of butter buried deep in a bog. From the style in which the tub was made it was surmised that the butter was over a hundred years old, yet it was not quite unpalatable, though somewhat rancid. Similar deposits have been found in other parts of Ireland, some wrapped in cloth, which on exposure to the air crumbled to dust.

Who was the greatest cocoa-drinker? Counsel in a case of note the other day seems to have regarded half a dozen cups daily as a high-level average for a normal individual, but Montezuma of Mexico would have smiled at such an allowance as a mere nothing. Prescott credits him with draining 50 times a day a golden vessel that was certainly no ordinary cup. His cocoa for these elaborate draughts was flavoured with spices, not, as in the case of many of his subjects, with the powdered bones of giant ancestors. Aztec consumption of cocoa was, as a matter of fact, a thing of astonishment to their conquerors and the early explorers, by whom the beverage was regarded as poisonous and an inflamer of the passions. As such it was frequently denounced when its introduction had rapidly made it popular in Europe.

Mr. Douglas Ainslie tells an amusing story of the late Lord Salisbury in his entertaining "Adventures: Social and Literary." A neighbouring squire called to see the great man, and Lady Salisbury was apprehensive that her husband might fail to recognise this somewhat obscure person. She was greatly relieved to find, however, when Lord Salisbury entered the dining-room a little later, that he immediately engaged their homely guest in conversation, which he kept up vigorously till the end of the repast, when the squire rather heartily took his leave. Lord Salisbury then casually remarked: "I was glad Lord Roberts dropped in to luncheon to-day; but I fear he is not what he was intellectually. He appeared to me to be remarkably vague as to our military disposition in Egypt, and his views on Indian questions seemed even more nebulous. But we all grow older," I believe, adds Mr. Ainslie, it was thought advisable not to disillusion him as to the identity of his late guest.

Discoveries of the tissue-building activities of the white blood corpuscles, believed by scientists to point the way to the indefinite prolongation of human life, were outlined today by Dr. Alexis Carrel, of the Rockefeller Institute, in an address before the New York National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Carrel's statements were taken by many prominent scientists in his audience to indicate that the secret of longevity might be found through the discovery of a means of stimulating the activity of these corpuscles. Dr. Carrel described the work of the leucocytes, or white blood corpuscles, which experiments had shown, he said, protected the body against infection and also stimulated the growth of new tissue and the regeneration of dormant cells. He told of his experiments with animals, which had indicated that the white blood corpuscles stimulated the growth of new tissue "by getting free growth activating substances in the tissues." He pointed out that in extreme old age new tissue grew to heal wounds and broken bones.

DEATH OF HEBREW SCHOLAR. Jerusalem, Dec. 17.—Elielzer ben Yaluda has died at Jerusalem at the age of 62. He may be described as the founder of modern spoken Hebrew. He went to Palestine in 1870, and enunciated the ideal, now accepted but then ridiculed by his fellow Jews, that they should speak their forefathers' tongue in their forefathers' land. He was the first to use Hebrew for ordinary daily purposes. His life's work was the compilation of a vast thesaurus of ancient and modern Hebrew.

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LONDON CHURCH IN DANGER.

Another historic monument in London is in danger. The fine old church of St. Margaret, Lothbury, has been pronounced to be unsafe by Mr. Mervyn Macartney, the surveyor of St. Paul's Cathedral. The roof, the tower, and the foundations are condemned by this expert, and the verdict has led the Bishop of Stepney to make an urgent appeal to the City to subscribe the funds necessary to undertake the work of repair. It is estimated that at least £6,000 will be required.

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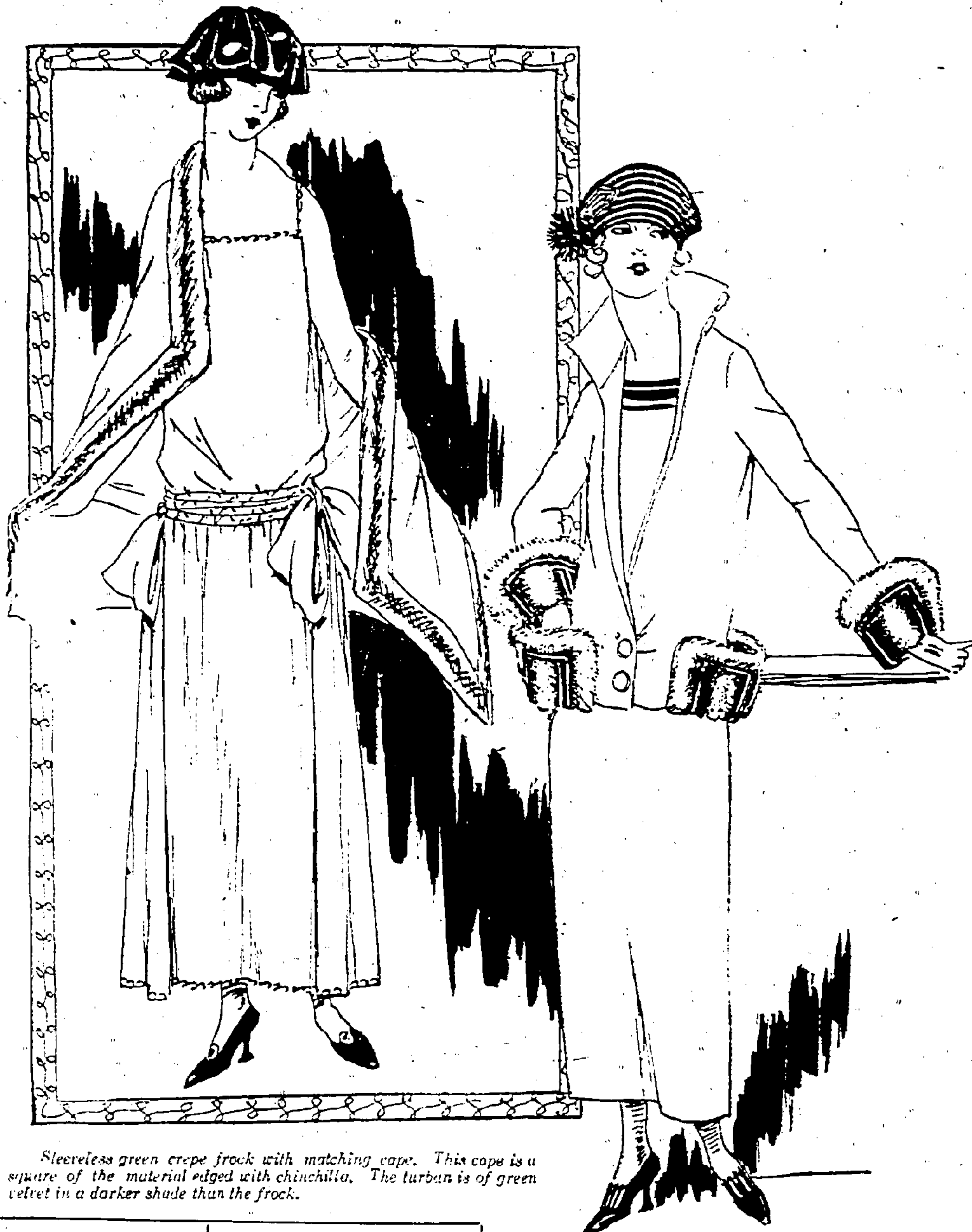
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LACE-COVERED GLASS.

Plain glass partly covered with delicate lace motifs has made its appearance for the boudoir or dressing table. Bottles, trays and vases treated in this manner are very charming and dainty. Of course, when the articles are washed, the lace has to be washed, too, and allowed to dry as best as it can, but a little pulling and smoothing will soon draw the motifs into place.

Sometimes the lace is ornamented with tiny flowers, and this is very pretty, especially if the flowers tone with the colour of room.

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE.

Cookies.

Ingredients:—1 egg, 1½ cups sugar, ½ cup butter or crisco, ½ cup sour milk, 1 teaspoon soda, 1½ teaspoon vanilla, 1 cup chopped, seeded raisins. Flour to make stiff enough to roll and cut. This will be about four cups. Cream butter and sugar together, add egg, well beaten, sour milk, mixed with the soda, vanilla, raisins and flour. Mix thoroughly and let stand in a cold place for an hour or two. Roll to one-fourth inch, cut and bake in a moderate oven 10 minutes. They should be but slightly brown.

THE BANDANNA.



The bandanna is used to make such blouses as the one illustrated. Not that these are common bandannas. They are of silk and fine linen.

If you prefer a blouse of plainer stuff you knot your bandanna around your throat.

THE VOGUE FOR FANCY LACE.

Lace is still popular for evening wear.

There are a few houses in Paris where they make nothing but lace dresses. Wonderful colours are woven together in one mesh, orange and Chinese lacquer blue shades standing out from a shining gold metal foundation. As though such fabrics were not brilliant enough, beads are woven into the pattern. Silver lace is also to be seen in all its glory.

The most effective line is the simple tunic arranged over a foundation to match in colour. Beautiful shades are chosen for these tunics and they are then embroidered all over with crystal beads.

Such laces are as yet only to be found in one or two houses in Paris, where they possess the secret of the new process by means of which the laces are prepared.

A new model in this street suit in smoke velvet with cuffs and pockets of green and red silk trimmed with band of beaver. A green velvet turban tops it and the wearer carries a green card case to complete the colour scheme.

NOVELTY FASHIONS.

Ribbon, some six to eight inches wide, is being used extensively by Parisian milliners for the fashioning of smart, little demi-season hats. Ribbon that shows one side of moire and the other of satin is ideal for an up-turned hat with a wide brim. To give width to a toque shape and render it more becoming to certain types of faces, loops and ends of ribbon are made to jut out from the side.

The daintiest sleeves for a girl's evening frock are made with strands of ribbon. A dozen or so are taken and affixed round the arm-hole at one end and round the wrist at the other; a "sleeve" of this kind is as light and transparent as it can possibly be, and yet it provides sufficient covering for those who do not care for bare arms. Coral pink ribbon looks attractive made up in this way, in conjunction with a light mousseline de soie frock; an added charm is obtained if the ribbon is held in place top and bottom by a narrow circle of silk flowers.

Narrow velvet baby ribbon in different shades, looped and arranged tightly round a scrap of buckram about the size of a penny, makes a charming variation of the cockade as a trimming for hat or dress, and a trimming which anyone with clever fingers can make for very little cost. The best modistes are making use of this on their new models.

The ribbon sleeve can also be repeated on a big scale on the skirt. The strands of ribbon in this case are attached round the waist, and can either be left to float out round the hem or be tucked in under it. Ribbon that has one side velvet and the other satin lends itself very effectively to trimming of this kind, which is not only very youthful and

FEATHER SLIPPERS.

Dainty feather slippers for indoor wear are very fashionable just now. Some women prefer the flat, glycerined type of feather that reflects a host of scintillating colours, whilst others choose the breasts of ducks, with a fringe of ostrich feathers, for the fashioning of these charming accessories.

Soft kid in the gayest of colours also makes up into exquisite little slippers. Satin bordered with ermine is another attractive combination. Naturally, the colour of the kid or satin is chosen to match that of the rest of the gown.

Some of the latest slippers are of the bottin type and just covers the ankles; these are cut in one piece and have no seam except the join at the back.

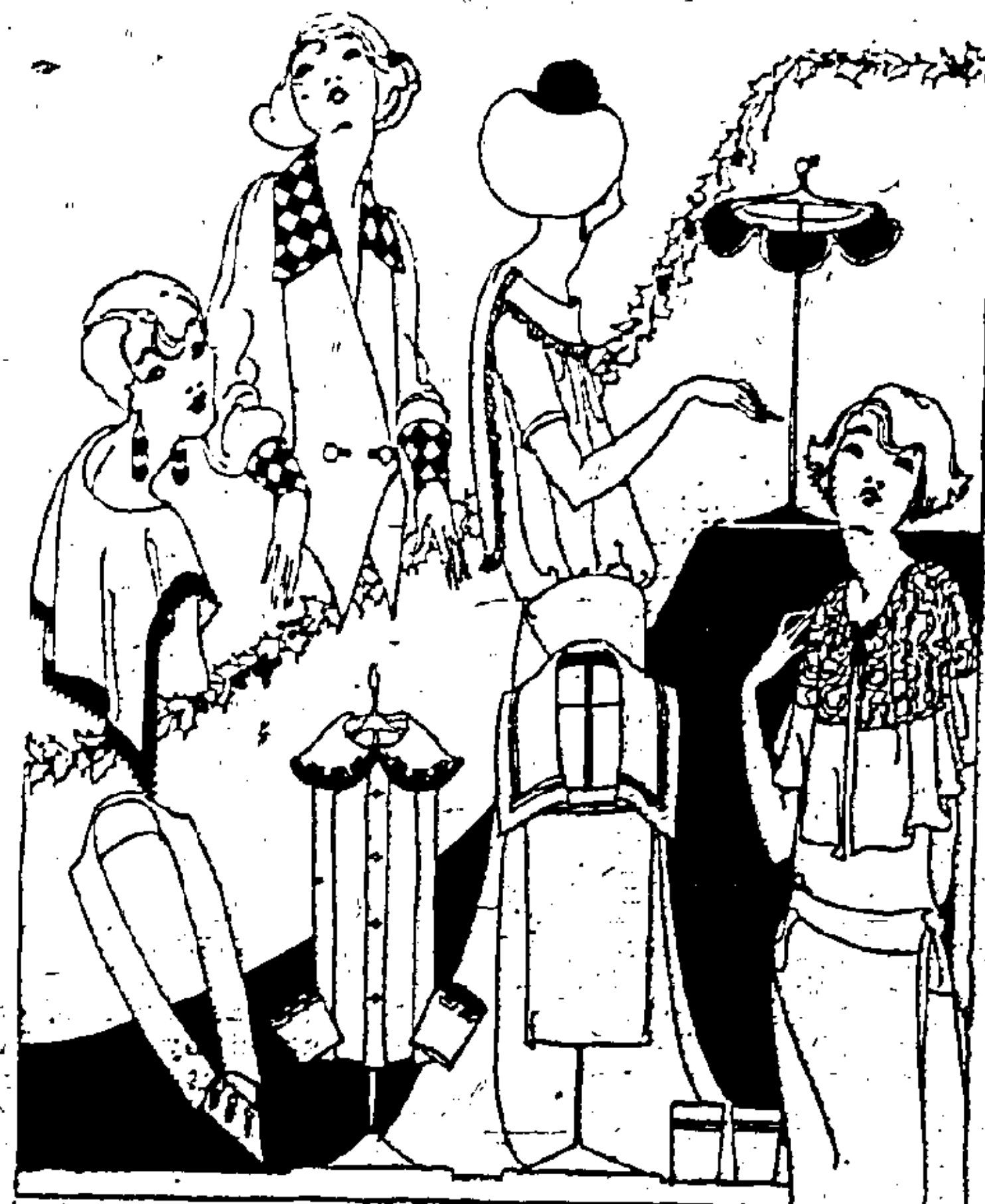
The most beautiful of all models are those made of silver or gold gauze decorated with a spray of flowers embroidered and quilted silk linings. This type of slipper has high, wooden heels painted to match the colour of the lining.

A quaint frock of gray taffeta, with a bouffant, scalloped skirt, has a girdle of pink velvet roses set very close together, and combined with leaf-green foliage.

THE NEW "BATIK" MATERIAL.

Paris has always been the home of novelties and dainty accessories to dress and furnishing, and one of the latest creations is that of an entirely new fabric, known as "batik." This is made according to the well-known process by which a collection of many-coloured dyes and a wax are used in an entirely novel manner. Silk and crepe de Chine, treated according to this formula, make up into the most original handkerchief and similar novelties. These proved so attractive that designers set to work and turned out greater lengths of material which had been subjected to this process, and first of all blouses, and then whole dresses, negligees, and tea gowns were made from them. One designer is showing a "batik" of her own creation, which she has applied to velvet and heavy silk rugs. The dresses are exquisite beyond description; some are in black velvet, with a design of black and white thrown on; others are in ivory velvet, with a design in brown and copper shades.

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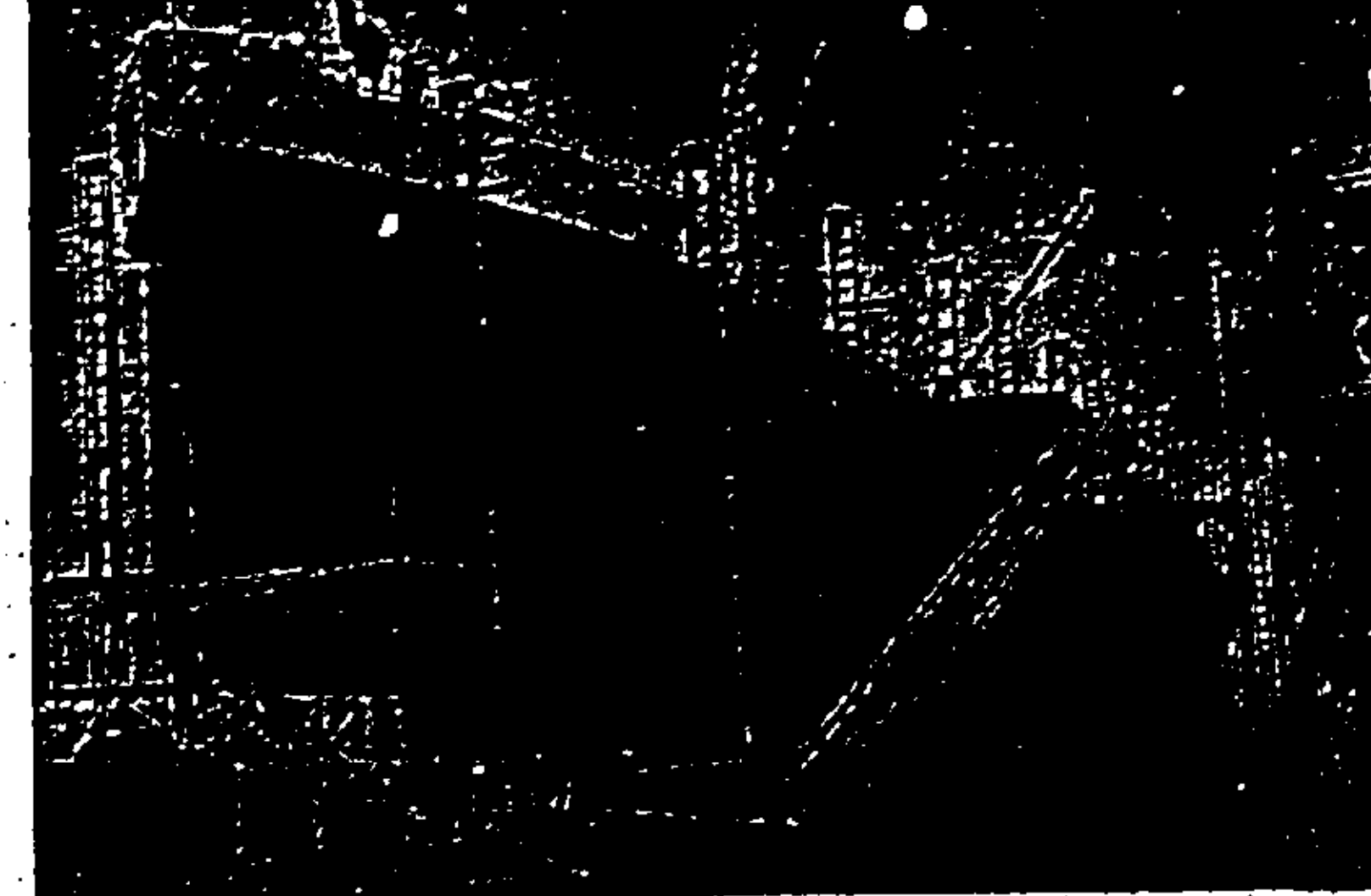
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dard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been

affected.

R. RODENFUSER

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 3rd. February, 1923

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(UNDER CONTRACT WITH H. M. GOVERNMENT.)

S.S.	Tons	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
NELLORE	6,850	7 Feb. 11 a.m.	Miles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,097	7 Feb. 4 p.m.	Miles, London & Antwerp
KHIVA	9,097	21st Jan.	Miles, London & Antwerp
SICILIA	6,700	27th Feb.	Spore, Penang, Cebu & B'ham
BANCA	6,000	6th Mar.	Spore, Colombo & Bombay

Will call at Hongkong if sufficient inducement offers.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

S.S.	Tons	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
TAKADA	7,000	9th Feb.	Spore, Penang & Calcutta
TORILLA	5,200	25th Feb.	Spore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

S.S.	Tons	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
EASTERN	14,000	3rd March	Manila, Thursday, 1st land, Tiville, B'ham, Sydney & Melbourne.

Proposed sailings from Australia with the following:-
The Eastern & Australian Company's steamer to the United Kingdom via New Zealand, Australia, and the Cape of Good Hope, will sail from Melbourne on 10th Feb. via Hongkong, Penang, Cebu, and B'ham, to the United Kingdom, via the Cape of Good Hope, on 10th March.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

S.S.	Tons	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
LAHORE	5,252	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama
SICILIA	6,700	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,800	11th Feb. noon	Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama

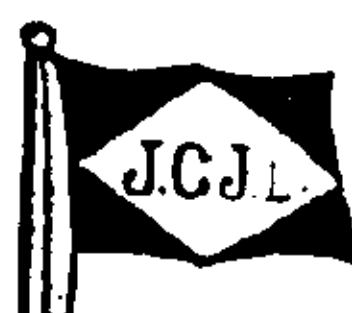
All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice. WIRELESS ON ALL STEAMERS.

Parcels measuring not more than 24 in. x 12 in. x 12 in. will be received at the Company's Office up to noon on the day previous to sailing.

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SERVICE BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.**

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Tjikembang	Dalmy	In port	7th Feb.	B'ham via Batavia
Tjisondari	Batavia	8th Feb.	23rd Feb.	Saigon, Java
Tjikini	Balikpapan	9th Feb.	12th Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai, Japan
Tjipanas	Java	15th Feb.	21st Feb.	Soerabaya
Tjitaroom	Dalmy	21st Feb.	29th Feb.	Batavia
Tjikarang	Java	21st Feb.	29th Feb.	Batavia

The steamers are all fitted throughout with electric light and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon-passengers. All steamers carry a duly qualified surgeon. Cargo taken at through rates to all ports in Netherlands-India and Australia.

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OUTWARDS. HOMEWARDS.

Vessel	Due Hongkong	Vessel	Leave Hongkong
PEMBROKESHIRE	23rd Feb.	GLENANDA	15th Feb.
GLENLUCE	27th Feb.	GLENSHANE	19th Feb.
GLENADE	12th Mar.	GLENKESHIRE	23rd Feb.

Movements are subject to change without notice.

For freight or further particulars please apply to:-

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Mail Steamer	Next Sailing	Pro. arr. at Hong-kong	Pro. Sailing from Hong-kong
ANGKOR	—	—	15th Feb.
ANGERS	—	—	18th Feb.
AZAY LE RIDEAU	12th Jan.	17th Feb.	20th Mar.
PORTHOS	26th Jan.	2nd Mar.	3rd Apr.
ARMAND BEHIC	9th Feb.	16th Mar.	17th Apr.

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KASIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 7th Feb. at 11 a.m.

IYO MARU ... Thursday, 1st Mar. at 11 a.m.

MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, etc.

ATSUTA MARU ... Wednesday, 14th February.

KASHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 28th Jan.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

MATSUYE MARU (Calling Dunkirk) Wednesday, 14th Feb.

LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES & VALENCIA.

DELAGO MARU ... Thursday, 8th February.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, etc.

AKI MARU ... Wednesday 14th Feb. at 11 a.m.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 21st March.

NEW YORK & BOSTON via PANAMA.

TSUYAMA MARU ... Thursday, 15th Feb.

BUENOS AIRES via Spore, Delagoa Bay, Durban & Cape Town.

KANAGAWA MARU ... Friday, 13th April.

HOMBAI via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

HANGKOW MARU ... Saturday, 10th Feb.

WAKASA MARU ... Monday, 26th Feb.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

TATISHI MARU ... Wednesday, 21st February.

NAOASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU ... Thursday, 15th Feb.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

GENOA MARU (Calling Moji) ... Wednesday, 7th Feb.

SUWA MARU ... Wednesday, 14th February.

FUSHIMI MARU ... Tuesday, 27th February.

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S.S. "BOLTON CASTLE" ... Sailing on or about 10th Mar.

S.S. "MUNCASTER CASTLE" ... Beginning of April.

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FOR SHANGHAI.

S.S. "PERSIA" ... Sailing on or about 10th February.

S.S. "TRIESTE" ... Sailing Beginning of March.

FOR BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE.

Via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.

S.S. "PERSIA" ... Sailing on or about 25th February.

S.S. "TRIESTE" ... End of March.

Passengers' Luggage can be insured at the office of the Agents.

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FROM CALCUTTA TO SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS

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TAIYUAN. 15th Feb. 24th Feb.

CHUANSHA. 13th Mar. 17th Mar.

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COASTAL SHIPPING.**INDO CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION Co., Ltd.**

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamer	Sailing
SHANGHAI via Swatow Takasag	Wed. 7th Feb. at 11 a.m.	
SANDAKAN	Wed. 7th Feb. at 3 p.m.	
SHANGHAI via Swatow Hangsang	Fri. 9th Feb. at 10 a.m.	
MANILA	Fri. 9th Feb. at 3 p.m.	
STRAITS & Calcutta	Fri. 9th Feb. at 3 p.m.	
HAIPHONG via Hoihow Leesang	Sun. 11th Feb. at 10 a.m.	
BANGKOK via Swatow Kwaisang	Mon. 12th Feb. at 10 a.m.	
TTAO via Swatow & Shai Kwongsang	Tues. 13th Feb. at 10 a.m.	
KOBE	Wed. 14th Feb. at noon.	
SHANGHAI via Swatow Wingsang	Thurs. 15th Feb. at 10 a.m.	
STRAITS & Calcutta	Fri. 16th Feb. at 3 p.m.	
BANGKOK via Swatow Vatsang	Mon. 19th Feb. at 10 a.m.	
BANGKOK	Mon. 25th Feb. at 10 a.m.	

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All steamers have excellent passenger accommodation, are fitted with Electric Light & Fans and carry a fully qualified Surgeon. SHANGHAI LINE.—Sailings approximately every three days between Canton and Shanghai, sometimes calling at Swatow. Through tickets can be obtained and through Bills of Lading are issued all to Northern and Yangtze Ports via Shanghai.

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Steamships.	Captain.	Leaving.
Haifong...	Ellis Walker...	FRI. 9th Feb. at noon.
Haifong...	W. C. Paramore...	TUES. 13th Feb. at 1 p.m.
Haifong...	J. S. Thomson...	TUES. 20th Feb. at 1 p.m.

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For Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

S.S. BORNEO MARU Sailing on or about 18th Feb.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE.

The Steamship

"PRESIDENT MCKINLEY,"

having arrived from Manila

via ports, on February 1st,

consignees are hereby notified

that their cargo is being landed

at their risk into the Hazardous

and/or Extra-Hazardous God-

downs of the Hongkong and

Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.,

at Kowloon & stored at consi-

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Consignees of cargo must pro-

duce an Import Permit signed by

the Superintendent of Imports

and Exports, Hongkong, before

Bills of Lading will be counter-

signed.

All broken, chafed and damag-

ed cargo is to be left in the

Godowns where it will be

examined at 10 a.m. on Feb. 8th,

by the Company's Surveyor's

